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Cabinet wrangle over budget plans

Dorrell seeks £1 billion to rescue NHS

By Philip Webster and Jill Sherman

STEPHEN DORRELL will today appeal to the Cabinet over the head of the Treasury for the extra £1 billion that he insists is needed to prevent a crisis in the hospital service.

The Health Secretary was reported last night to be ready to "go to the wire" in his effort to bridge the gap between his target of £1 billion and the £700 million he has won in a protracted negotiations.

He is one of a handful of ministers yet to settle with the Treasury. Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, was reported last night to be fighting Kenneth Clarke's attempt to make deeper cuts in his £22 billion budget and he, too, may make a personal plea to Cabinet colleagues.

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, is also holding out against demands for cuts in his £90 billion budget. He is believed to have agreed to freeze lone-parent benefits for the second year running and he has said that his new fraud Bill will ensure substantial savings, but he is still under pressure to cut benefits for new claimants.

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, settled yesterday after a long wrangle with the Treasury over spending on higher education and was reported to be satisfied. Last year she won an extra £800 million and this year is believed to have gained several hundred million above her planned spending figure.

The pressure on Mr Clarke is such that he is expected to have no more than £2 billion available for tax cuts on November 26. Whitehall insiders said that that was all he was likely to be able to prune from the £268 billion spending total for next year. The BSE saga has eaten heavily into this year's spending, with £1 billion being taken out of the reserve to pay for compensation, and a similar amount will be needed next year.

Dorrell: pressing for another £300 million

Mr Dorrell's friends are making plain that the extra money for hospitals is essential to prevent the damaging spectacle this winter of wards being closed down temporarily, patients being transported from hospital to hospital, longer waiting lists, and incidents of patients being left on trolleys for hours at a time.

The cash shortages in the health service are so bad that many trust hospitals have gone into the red and only the prospect of relief when the new financial year starts will enable them to get through. The possibility of some of the extra money being released early to cope with emergency spending this winter was not being ruled out last night.

So big was Mr Dorrell's bid for money on top of the £34 billion earmarked for the health service in 1997-98 and so strong his determination not to give way that John Major called him to Downing Street for a rare Sunday night meeting with Mr Clarke and William Waldegrave, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, who is in charge of individual negotiations. Mr Dorrell has told colleagues that £1 billion is the sum required to keep the NHS on an "even keel" for the future. Mr Major and Mr Clarke were clearly brought into the talks because of the implications for the Chancellor's hopes of cutting taxes.

Mr Dorrell and his close supporters contend that tax cuts cannot be made at the expense of hospital closures. They want to convince the health service professions that the Government is not merely "bandaging" its problems but safeguarding its future growth. Jerry Hayes, the Conservative MP for Harlow, said health spending should not be sacrificed. He said: "You do not go into a general election saying, 'Oh, we've cut the basic rate of tax by 2p but the health service and education and the public services generally are in trouble'."

Sources said that Mr Dorrell was hoping that if he won support today, Mr Clarke would call the spending committee together before Thursday's Cabinet meeting. In the end, however, Mr Major may have to impose a settlement.

The Government was warned by the National Association of Heath Authorities and Trusts yesterday that they have "a real funding crisis" on their hands this year. Philip Hunt, its director, predicted hospital deficits of between £200 million and £300 million, and said: "There is a hell of a lot riding on this Cabinet decision because we are in danger of slipping back on much of the progress we have made recently."

Those pushing for cash were not overstating their case, he said. "This year we have a real funding crisis. We simply didn't have enough money to cover the growth in services that we require and unless we get a good settlement for next year, I think we're going to have real problems not only over the winter but in the next financial year as well."

TONY WHITE

Nadia Zekra with her husband yesterday after the bomb case against her was dropped

Bomb case woman cleared

By Michael Horsnell

THE case against a housewife accused of planting a car bomb outside the Israeli Embassy in London in a bid to destroy the Middle East peace talks collapsed yesterday when a judge described evidence as suspect.

Nadia Zekra, a mother of two who was said to have left an Audi car parked outside the building and walked off carrying a Harrods bag, wept as she hugged her husband and friends outside the Old Bailey.

Mr Justice Garland accepted a defence submission that Mrs Zekra, 49, who had denied causing the explosion in July 1994, had no case to answer after a month of prosecution evidence.

The judge said that identification evidence was "fraught with pitfalls." He said also that evidence by a police constable on duty at the embassy was "suspect with serious inconsistencies." He added: "It would be dangerous to allow this case to go before a jury.I have no hesitation in discharging this case."

The jury will be directed today to return a not guilty verdict on the charge against Mrs Zekra and to continue considering the case against her three co-defendants.

Outside the court Mrs Zekra West Kensington, London, said: "I was sure I would not be convicted. I just want to be with my family now and have time on my own. My family, my sons - we all suffered deeply. The time in prison was worst of all."

Her husband, Ahmad, said: "We came to enjoy living in this country for our sons to get away from the troubles. We came to have democracy and justice. Today I suppose we got our justice."

The court has been told that a gang of upper class Palestinian terrorists planted two car bombs in London. The embassy explosion on July 26 was followed by one in Finchley.

Noye plotted to steal millions in cash machine fraud, court told

By Stephen Farrell and Stewart Tendler

KENNETH NOYE, one of Britain's most wanted men, conspired to steal hundreds of millions of pounds from cashpoint machines in a plot that could have brought the banking system to its knees, a court heard yesterday.

Noye, 49, a suspect in the M25 road rage murder of Stephen Cameron, was part of an elite team of underworld criminals brought together to pull off one of the biggest crimes in history, it was alleged.

Had they succeeded "the banking system of this country would have been put at risk", Miss Ann Curnow, for the prosecution, told Southwark Crown Court in London.

Seven men yesterday admitted conspiracy to steal cash from banks, building societies and financial institutions between January 1 and July 25 1995. They included John Lloyd, a suspect in the 1983 Brink's-Mat robbery, whose wife was jailed for five years for handling stolen bullion, and William Hayward, who was once jailed for shooting the gangster, "Mad Frankie" Frazer. Noye was sentenced to 14 years for handling gold from the Brink's Mat robbery.

With the help of corrupt British Telecom employees, the gang planned to tap into the telephone lines that link cash machines to the mainframe computers at the bank or building society's headquarters.

Confidential information from customers would have been downloaded using computers and transferred onto false plastic cards which they would then use to withdraw cash from machines around the country.

But the gang was caught when a computer expert recruited in jail told the prison chaplain, who informed Scotland Yard's Organised Crime Group. Martin Grant was recruited while serving 16 years in Blantyre open prison for attempting to murder his wife and her child.

While in jail he was taking a degree in electronic communications and digital and logic design and was approached by the conspirators while on day release at a van hire firm owned by Paul Kidd, one of the defendants. At first he agreed to help but later changed his mind and confided in the Rev John Bourne.

He later gave a 300-page statement to police and is now

Noye: "put banking system at risk"

living at a secret address. His statement led to police raids on July 25 last year at which five of the conspirators were caught "red-handed" at William Hayward's home in Yalding, Kent.

Detectives, who seized more than 70,000 blank cash cards and 28 computer disks, described the operation as the largest cashpoint fraud seen in Britain. They also found computer hardware and software designed to encode the cards with confidential account

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Kensington to oust Scott

The Conservative MP Sir Nicholas Scott last night lost the first round of his fight to avoid deselection after being found slumped in the street during the party conference.

An emergency meeting of the Kensington and Chelsea constituency executive rejected a medical explanation for the collapse and voted to replace him. Sir Nicholas insisted that he would take the fight for his seat to the full constituency association.

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Gascoigne asks forgiveness for 'the rage inside me'

By Rob Hughes

PAUL GASCOIGNE told a football press conference yesterday of his remorse over the incident in which he was accused of beating his wife and blamed the "rage inside me".

"I can't go into great detail about the incident," said the England and Rangers soccer player, "but I deeply regret what happened with Sheryl. It will live with me for the rest of my life."

Clear-eyed and contrite, Gascoigne called his own press conference after a subdued training session at Bisham Abbey, Bucks. His audience of 30 radio, TV and football reporters, men and women, concluded 20 minutes of cross-examination and Gascoigne's self-analysis with inappropriate applause.

We had heard the words of the counsellors Gascoigne has employed to try to sort himself out coming through the mouth of England's most gifted and troubled player. "I don't blame the women's rights groups for wanting me kicked out," he said. "They have their rights to say that. But I've been having two lots of counselling, for my private life and football, and since those started I feel a totally different person.

"I can't really describe the rage inside me. What I did with my wife, I deeply regret, and I am trying, with their help, to understand the hate that has been inside me; the pressures that I've had more than any other player over five to six years; it's all bottled up inside me, but already I am learning to relax with other players; with referees, to let the aggression out only in a controlled way on the field."

Many have seen and heard Gascoigne apologise before. Always sincere, like a miscreant puppy caught out, he means every word.

"I love playing for England, everybody does," he said. "I realise this is my last chance, and to be honest I didn't really expect Glenn (Hoddle) to pick me so soon. But I'm ready to do the business for my country, and I want to be accepted as more than Gascoigne the footballer because football's a short period. I've maybe five years left. Beyond that I have to be the man."

Beside him at the public soul-bearing, Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, responded to the pillorying of his decision to grant instant forgiveness.

"My picking him in the squad doesn't send a message that I'm backing a wife beater," he said. "There's no way that I'd be backing a thing like that. I'm actually trying my hardest to make sure that there will be one less in the future. If he does it again, it's a different story . . . I'm looking twelve months down the line. We are all going to have to wait, women's movements and everyone else."

Sandra Horley, of the women's group Refuge, responded: "A public apology is one thing, but does not excuse his violence. He (Gascoigne) must accept there is no excuse for beating your wife — not drinking, football, stress, or provocation."

Coach's crusade, page 52

Polls put Clinton ahead in 31 states

From Martin Fletcher, in Washington

WITH eight eve-of-election polls giving him leads of four to 18 points President Clinton looks almost certain to be returned to the White House today despite last-minute Republican warnings that his administration would be debilitated by scandal.

Americans will also elect a new Congress today, and the Republicans promised another wave of investigations if they retain control, in particular of the huge Asian contributions to the Democrats' war chest revealed during the campaign's final days.

An outright majority would allow Mr Clinton, elected with 43 per cent of the vote in 1992, to claim that the people have considered and dismissed the charges against him.

Half of yesterday's eight polls put Mr Clinton's support above 50 per cent. In only two did Bob Dole achieve 40 per cent, while Ross Perot had 7 to 9 per cent. A final survey of state polls showed Mr Clinton leading in 31 states with 377 electoral college votes, 107 more than he requires for victory, and Mr Dole leading in 17 states with 129 electoral college votes.

Almost all the polls showed voters marginally more likely to back Democratic than Republican congressional candidates, but few experts believe the Democrats will gain the three extra seats needed to recapture the Senate. They were less willing to predict the outcome in the House, where all 435 seats are being contested and the Democrats need a net gain of 18.

Graphs of the year's polls show two basically straight horizontal lines, or three if Mr Perot is included. Not one of the hundreds of polls put Mr Dole ahead.

All but conceding defeat, Scott Reed, the 73-year-old Republican's campaign manager, told this week's *New Yorker* magazine: "The truth is, nothing has changed for a long time. We were never able to jolt the race. We thought we jolted it when he left the Senate and with our convention. But we didn't, and we had a string of bad luck."

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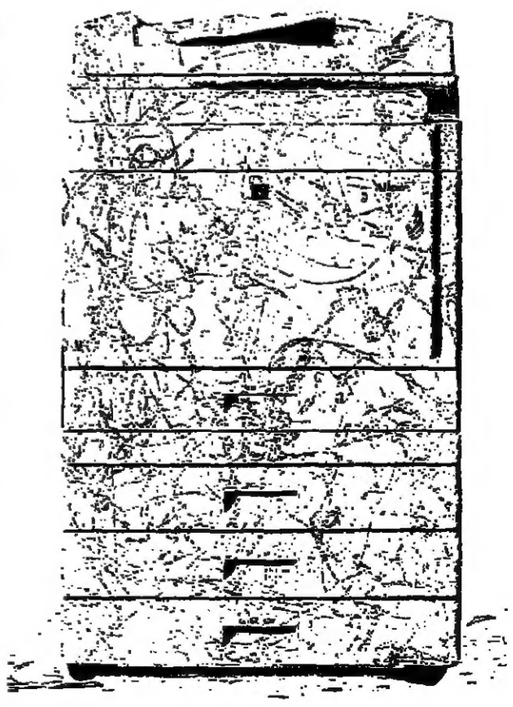

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Rapier leaves no evidence of wounding

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Looking down at the Government front bench assembled for Questions yesterday, I felt unsettled. *Something was different*, but what? The picture seemed familiar: Welsh Secretary at Dispatch box, flanked by junior ministers. Civil servants in their box. Beside ministers, the Duty Whip, exercise-book opened across her lap, and . . .

Her lap? So that was it! A lady whip!

To see a woman in the role amazes us, as those who saw the first woman police constable must have been amazed. Soon we shall think nothing of it, but the initial encounter knocks you back. Jacqui Lait has been described by the Chief Whip Alistair Goodlad as "a good man". Green-suited on the green bench yesterday, she looked a motherly figure in her new position as departmental whip for Wales. Of 38 *MPs for Wales, 37 are men.*

After Welsh Questions came the debate on Michael Howard's Crime (Sentences) Bill. It was refreshing to be reminded of what was once a Tory speciality: old fashioned discourtesy. The rapier instead of the crowbar. The *politesse* which subtly wounds.

At this, Douglas Hurd is unsurpassed. In a speech on the present Home Secretary's Bill, this former Home Secretary spoke not a word about Michael Howard except in his praise. Indeed he singled him out for support. Yet Mr Hurd left us confident he thought the Bill an ill-considered piece of vulgar populism; confident — yet unable to cite a single sentence by way of example.

Hurd attacked, not Mr Howard, but Howard's Labour Shadow, Jack Straw. "After much thought, extensive research, and — probably nowadays — a little prayer," he chuckled, of new Labour's policymaking process.

Hurd considered Mr Howard's populism ill-judged, but he did not say so. He said these sentencing measures were "sometimes portrayed in the press as stages in some desperate race for votes". Ah, the *press*. Mr Hurd considered a key passage in the Bill to be ill-drafted, but he did not say so. He said MPs in both Houses would want to mull over it very carefully indeed, to be sure this vital passage was *precisely* right.

He believed Mr Howard had not properly thought through the effect on prisons, but he did not say so. He said we must all be careful to give prisons the attention they deserved.

By the time Douglas Hurd sat down yesterday, we felt sure we had heard a call for a more humane and cautious approach to prisons. He had tickled Michael Howard lightly with his rapier, but the *wound was palpable. In cold* print, this morning, however, *Hansard* will yield little to support that interpretation.

Mr Hurd was followed, from his own side, by another former Home Secretary, Kenneth Baker. Mr Baker was less arch in his implied criticism.

Praising Hurd's argument, he described his concern for prisons, now "virtually bursting at the seams". In a memorable passage he remarked that he had visited more prisons than most. Prisoners were for the most part not monsters but "inadequate people: failures in life, failures at crime. Ignorant, badly educated, often almost illiterate, unskilled and untrained". Prisons, he added, "are not full of professional criminals; they are full of professional prisoners".

Kenneth Baker resumed his seat. His speech had implied criticism, not just of Mr Howard's Bill, but of his whole approach to criminology. But in *Hansard* this morning you will find not a word you could call disloyal.

After Douglas Hurd's speech, Labour's Donald Anderson (Swansea E) had told MPs they had just heard "the voice of a different age of Toryism".

After hearing Kenneth Baker too, I felt sure that he was right.

Baker and Hurd attack Howard on Crime Bill

By James Landale, Political Reporter

DOUGLAS HURD and Kenneth Baker, both former Tory Home Secretaries, yesterday combined in a strong attack on Michael Howard's plans for tough mandatory sentences for repeat offenders.

They joined other senior Tories to warn the Home Secretary against turning the Crime (Sentences) Bill into a "race for votes". In the first sign of serious Conservative unease about the centrepiece to the Government's last programme before the election, Mr Hurd and Mr Baker were joined by Peter Brooke, the former Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Peter Lloyd, the former Home Office minister and Robert Jackson, the former Education Minister, in voicing reservations about the Bill. They called for greater emphasis on education and training within prisons and said that plans for greater honesty in sentencing could lead to greater pressure on judges to impose longer sentences.

The Bill, which came up for Second Reading in the Commons yesterday, would force courts to impose life sentences on anyone convicted for a second time of a serious violent or sexual crime, such as attempted murder or rape. Minimum sentences of seven years for drug trafficking and three years for burglary would also be imposed on third time offenders.

Mr Howard's proposals have been attacked by some *judges but yesterday's* remarks, in what appeared to be a co-ordinated effort, form the strongest criticism yet of the plans from within the Tory party.

Mr Baker, MP for Mole Valley, told MPs: "The evidence on minimum sentences in America is at best not proven. Others would say that they are ineffective and potentially dangerous. He warned Mr Howard that violent criminals or rapists, offending for a third time, could well consider killing their victim because they now faced the same sentence as murder. He understood the Government's desire to signal that criminals faced tough sentences but warned: "They must be careful to monitor this provision to make sure that they do not have any unwanted and perverse effects."

Mr Baker warned that the Bill would be "unacceptable" without the judges' discretionary powers to ignore the mandatory sentences.

Mr Hurd, MP for Witney, called for greater emphasis on education within prisons, which he said was central to the criminal justice system. He warned of the dangers of ignoring rehabilitation within prisons. "In the medium term, whether prison works depends not just on the length of the sentence but what happens in the prison," he said.

"The case for training, probation, for work, education in prisons, is the case for the future protection of the public and is directly relevant to this Bill. If that case is neglected, then it is possible that our prisons will turn out more accomplished criminals and the purpose of this Bill will in medium and long term be frustrated."

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Gates woos Major and Blair over network

By Arthur Leathley

THE billionaire American businessman Bill Gates courted John Major and Tony Blair yesterday as he pressed his claim to be involved in the information superhighway plans of both political parties.

The founder of the Microsoft software empire met both leaders to discuss their plans to introduce a national computer network into schools, colleges and libraries, a key campaign issue as the parties underline their commitment to the young.

During two hour-long meetings, Mr Gates discussed the Government's launch this week of a consultation document on information technology, which is expected to set out Conservative plans to make Britain a leading force in the field of computers. Mr Blair's aides said that the Labour leader was keen to hear Mr Gates' views on Labour's plans for a national computer network that Labour says already has the backing of banks and BT. The meeting with Mr Blair and Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, was described as "very positive".

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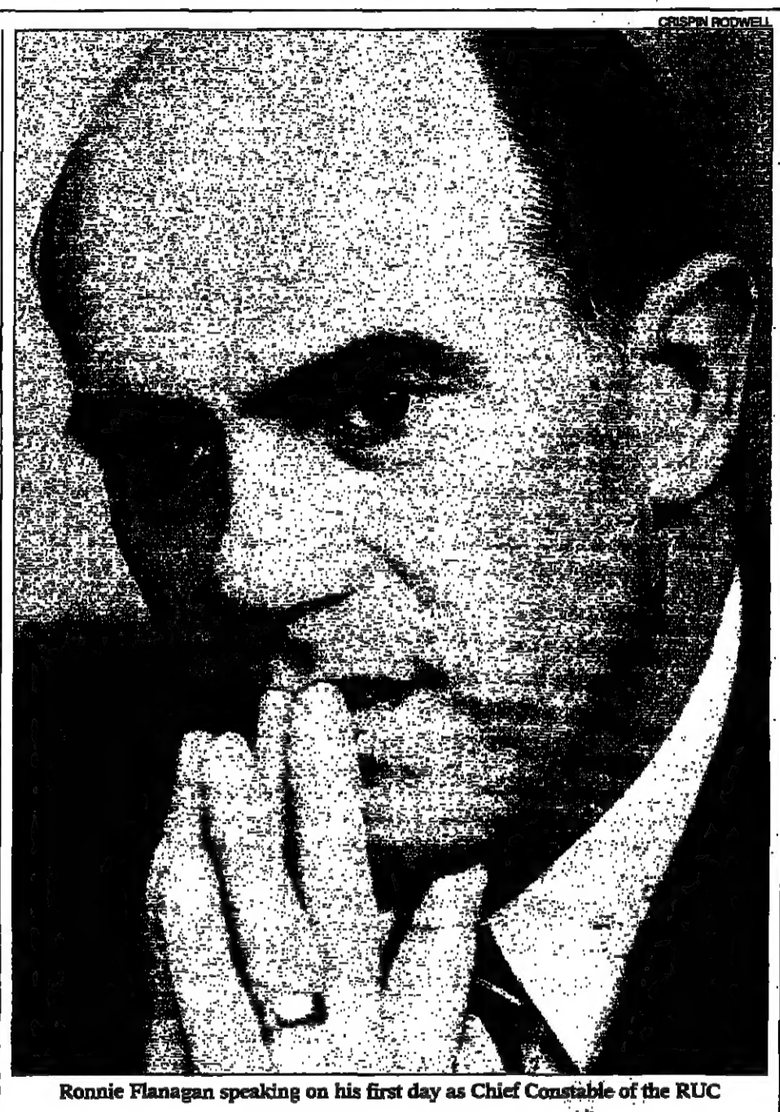

Ronnie Flanagan speaking on his first day as Chief Constable of the RUC

New RUC chief warns of further IRA attacks

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Ireland Correspondent

RONNIE FLANAGAN, the new Chief Constable of the RUC, confirmed yesterday that the IRA leadership held "a very significant" meeting over the weekend to determine the future of its terrorist campaign.

Speaking in Belfast on his first day in his new post, Mr Flanagan said there was little chance of an imminent IRA ceasefire and warned of further bomb attacks in Northern Ireland and on the British mainland. However, Mr Flanagan said he believed that IRA would eventually renew its ceasefire because republicans knew that they could achieve their aims more effectively by political means.

His comments came after intense speculation over the weekend that the IRA held a rare General Army Convention, the supreme decision-making body.

The Chief Constable stopped short of describing the meeting as a convention. But he added: "We believe a very significant meeting took place over the past weekend. I am sad to report at this stage that I have nothing to hand which indicates that a restoration of the ceasefire is imminent. He expected the terrorists would attack "highly selective" targets, including security bases and individuals.

Bruton: echoed views on terrorist violence

Although Mr Flanagan was pessimistic about the chances of a renewed IRA ceasefire in the short term, he was hopeful that the terrorists would eventually declare a truce. He said: "There has to be an ending of violence because violence serves no purpose whatever."

His comments were echoed by John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister. Speaking in Dublin, he said: "There is serious rethinking going on in the republican movement. There is a realisation that violence is literally self-defeating. Twenty five years of violence has disunited the country more than any external agent."

☐ Unionists yesterday accused the Government of making concessions to the IRA in order to prevent further terrorist attacks. Their comments came after it emerged that John Hume, the leader of the SDLP, had acted as intermediary between the Government and Sinn Fein to negotiate the terms for a renewed IRA ceasefire. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, denied the Government was negotiating with Sinn Fein or the IRA.

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data on tens of thousands of bank, credit card and building society customers.

Noye was not arrested or charged, but Miss Curnow said: "Noye played a prominent role in various meetings organised by Lloyd in connection with these matters. Certain it is that Noye and Lloyd were close associates."

The seven defendants will be sentenced next monthafter pleading guilty to conspiracy to steal. They face a maximum of seven years in jail.Their guilty pleas came after 10 days of legal argument during which defence lawyers sought to have the case dismissed for lack of admissible evidence.

Judge Geoffrey Rivlin, QC, said: "The conspirators had dreams of realising vast amounts of money possibly running into hundreds of millions of pounds.

"The prosecution case is that both in the UK and across the globe the gang planned to obtain cash from ATMs by the use of counterfeited cash and credit cards."

The court was guarded by police marksmen inside the building and on surrounding roofs throughout the hearing and the judge agreed to 24-*hour protection for the jury in* the event of a trial.

The defendants, John Lloyd, 57, of West Kingsdown; Paul Kidd, 36, of Meopham; Graham Moore, 32, of Erith; Stephen Seton, 65, of Chislehurst, all of Kent; Stephen Moore, 41, of Leytonstone, east London; William Hayward of Yalding, Kent and John Maguire, 36, of Mottingham, Kent, admitted conspiracy to steal cash from banks, building societies and financial institutions. They denied a charge of conspiracy to defraud, which will be allowed to lie on file.

Noye, who served eight years for handling proceeds of the £26 million Brink's Mat gold bullion robbery in 1983, is currently wanted for questioning by Kent police in connection with the death of Stephen Cameron in May. He is thought to be in Spain.

At one time Noye was suspected of hiding in northern Cyprus, where he has had holidays and investigated buying property. There were also rumours he had flown to Russia where he has also examined business opportunities.

British Telecom last night admitted that the gang gained access to the telephone exchanges through corrupt BT employees but denied security had been lax.

"BT personnel identified have been dismissed and a further member of the gang had already left the company," a spokesman said.

"The fraud was not successful and no credit cards were actually cloned. We are confident that our security procedures meant that the proposed fraud could not have succeeded, even without the intervention of the police."

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I was national disgrace, admits Duchess of York

The Duchess of York has admitted that she was unworthy to be a member of the Royal Family in a surprisingly self-critical autobiography, serialised in *Hello!* magazine. The Duchess admits that she became "a national disgrace" after the infamous "toe-sucking" topless photographs of her were published. *Hello!* paid more than £100,000 for serialisation rights to her autobiography.

Airline may sue brawling family

A father and son whose brawl forced an Airtours flight from Tenerife to Birmingham to divert to Lisbon could face a hefty bill from the airline. The father, identified only as a man in his 60s from west Yorkshire, and his son, in his 30s, were released without charge. Airtours said it was considering suing them for the cost of diverting the flight.

Argentine general visits MoD

The most senior Argentine military officer to make an official visit to Britain since the Falklands war was greeted outside the Ministry of Defence by a ceremonial guard mounted by the Royal Regiment of Wales. Lieutenant-General Martin Balza, who fought as an artillery officer in the war, spent the day with ministers and officials.

Arran ferry strike called off

A ferry strike that would have cut the only mainland link to Arran, off western Scotland, was called off at the last minute yesterday. The RMT union representing 140 Caledonian MacBrayne ferrymen held five hours of talks with management to avert a strike arising from a pay dispute. The union said that it had reached an improved deal.

Phone pest quits school

A teacher has resigned his post as head of religious studies at a public school after bombarding a music mistress with nuisance calls. James Hobson, 54, who taught at Wells Cathedral School, Somerset, had been cautioned by police for making 913 calls to Julie Wood, 37, when she ended their relationship.

Ex-soldiers on kidnap charge

Two former soldiers, Derek Neale, 34, and Derek Lazell, 43, both of Basildon, Essex, were remanded in custody for a week at Stevenage, Hertfordshire, accused of kidnapping and false imprisonment of Joanne Norris, 30, a secretary. Police are planning to fly to Turkey, where Ms Norris was last night reported safe with her former husband.

Harassed woman took overdose

A widow who recovered from cancer died of a drug overdose after she was plagued for months by noisy neighbours, an inquest was told. Sylvia Stewart, 56, of Chelmsley Wood, Solihull, kept a diary of the harassment she suffered. The landing outside her two-bedroom flat was regularly strewn with dirty nappies and empty beer cans.

Tourism warning by travel agents

***Mass tourism is threatening the world's most remote and* beautiful places, some tour operators said at the Association of British Travel Agents' annual convention in Istanbul. Roger Heape, managing director of British Airways Holidays, urged delegates and foreign governments not to allow unrestricted growth.**

Landlord defied drinks ban

Stephen Williams of the Coach Inn at Clynnog Fawr, North Wales, was fined £350 for selling drinks to non-residents on a Sunday in Britain's only "dry" area. Tomorrow a referendum will decide whether pubs can open on Sundays in the new area of Gwynedd, created by a merger of "dry" Dwyfor and "wet" Caernarfon and Meirionnydd.

ITV chiefs plan monarchy poll

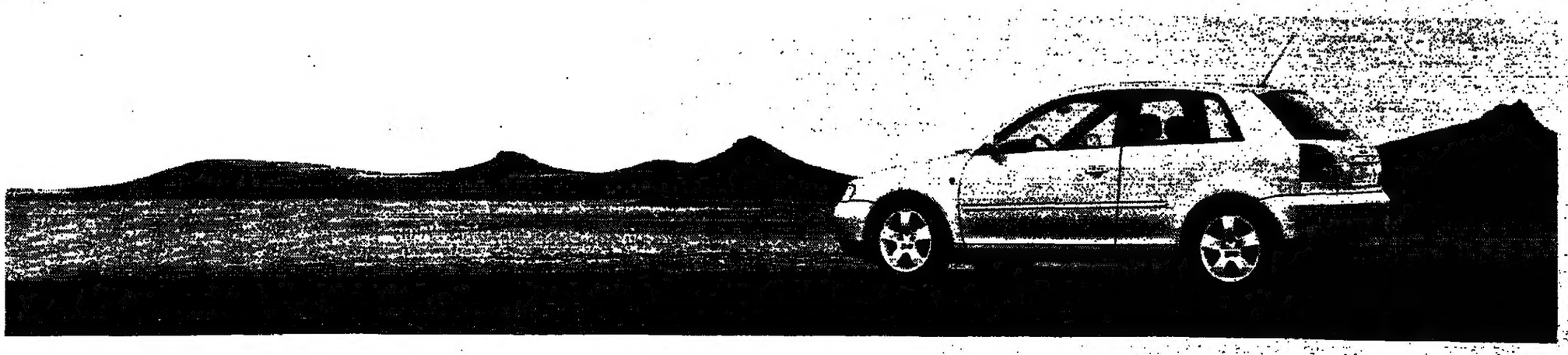
ITV is to hold a poll on the future of the monarchy as the centrepiece of its winter factual programming. The investigative journalist Roger Cook will present *Monarchy — The Nation Decides*, to be screened in the new year. It will feature a 1,000-strong audience at the NEC in Birmingham and a telephone poll of millions more.

Light relief for Prince in Kiev

The Prince of Wales, who is touring former Soviet republics in central Asia, sat down for pre-dinner drinks with President Kuchma of Ukraine yesterday when the Mariyinskiy Palace in Kiev was blacked out. A limousine was driven up to the doors, which were swung open for the car lights to illuminate the hall until power was restored.

Gallagher award fetches £8,500

An Oasis fan has paid £8,500 for the Ivor Novello songwriting award snubbed by Noel Gallagher. The proceeds will go to help children with cancer. Gallagher, 29, did not turn up at the award ceremony because it was given jointly to Blur, *which he saw as a publicity stunt to* prolong the so-called "battle of the bands".



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'It was just like Richard Gere and Julia Roberts in the film Pretty Woman'

Business with tax inspector turned to love, says prostitute

By Tim Jones

A PROSTITUTE told the Old Bailey yesterday that she was paid hundreds of pounds to have regular sex with a senior Inland Revenue tax inspector in a West End hotel.

Michelle Corrigan said that Michael Allcock told her he looked after rich people's finances. "I took it to mean he was some kind of financial adviser," she said.

The prosecution alleges that Mr Allcock's first session with Miss Corrigan was paid for by Hisham Alwan, an Iraqi-born oil consultant who paid eight hotel bills for the couple. In return Mr Alwan did not have to pay a £120,000 tax bill, according to the prosecution.

Mr Allcock, 47, from Colchester, denies 13 charges of corruption between 1987 and 1992. Mr Alwan, 56, from Knightsbridge, London, denies three charges of corruption. David Shamoon, 66, from West Kensington, London, denies one allegation of corruption.

Miss Corrigan, 30, told the court that her relationship with Mr Allcock changed from a financial transaction into love. She said she was doing part-time modelling in the 1980s when she met a man in Essex she named as David Sullivan.

When she visited him, he asked her if she was interested in escort work. He allegedly gave her Mr Alwan's number and she rang him the next day. "I went to a flat in the Olympia area and while there I had sexual intercourse with Mr Alwan. He gave me about £200 cash and a cheque for £300."

Later she met him at Carlton Court in Maida Vale, which she described as flatlets "just like a hotel, really". She received about "a couple of hundred quid" each time they met. Mr Alwan later told her he owed a friend a favour and introduced her to Mr Allcock at the hotel and gave her a white envelope.

"I had a quick look into the envelope. It was in cash — £200. It was the first time I had ever seen Mr Allcock. I slept with him." The second time they met Mr Alwan dropped Mr Allcock off at the door of the hotel from a white Mercedes. Mr Allcock had given her a cheque for £200. "I met him about a dozen times at the Carlton Court and continued to have sex with him. Every time I met him, he gave me another cheque or cash.

Cadogan Gardens, "a very flash sort of house"

"Sometimes it was only £20, sometimes it was £200, sometimes more. I was given cheques for about £200 or £250, sometimes more. I put them into my bank."

Miss Corrigan said they had stopped going to Carlton Court because Mr Allcock had got a rash from the sheets and "he wanted somewhere a bit nicer". "He told me he had found a nice place at Cadogan Gardens. We met there for about a couple of years. I met him once a week, sometimes not in a couple of weeks, sometimes less than that."

She described Cadogan Gardens as a "very posh, very Sloaney, very flash sort of house". They usually used the same room. "It was our joke. It was number 69. I did not know what he did. He did not tell me anything."

Miss Corrigan said she was "gob-smacked" when she later learnt he was a tax inspector. She had not asked what he did "because we were too busy having a good time". She said: "I could see he was a wealthy man, taking me to nice places and buying me lovely things." She told the court they began to fall in love. Miss Corrigan agreed with Anthony Arlidge, QC, for the defence, that the affair was "in *Pretty Woman* territory". Like the actors in the film, their relationship changed quickly from sex for cash to one of love.

Mr Arlidge said: "Although you started off as client and prostitute within a short time the two of you had fallen in love with each other?"

Miss Corrigan replied: "Yes, that is right. Our relationship gradually changed. He wanted to see me more often and stop seeing other people. I was falling in love with him."

Miss Corrigan agreed that she had an impudent streak and said that on one occasion when a pompous couple annoyed her in a restaurant, she reacted to them by pulling up her skirt and showing them her underwear.

They twice went on holiday together, which the prosecution alleges was at the expense of other wealthy businessmen whom Mr Allcock, 49, was investigating. On the first trip, to Marbella, they were taken by taxi to a villa. "He had been there before and knew where everything was," Miss Corrigan said. "He said he would take me to the Marbella Beach Club.

"There was champagne and wine in the fridge with some food and some flowers with a note. We polished off the champagne." Miss Corrigan told the jury. They had gone shopping and he had bought her clothes and shoes.

"He said he had a bank account and was putting money into it monthly. He talked about buying a house. We were in love, planning a future together. Our relationship became more permanent," she said.

On a second trip a year later — this time to Majorca — they stayed at a large villa with a swimming pool. While there Mr Allcock gave her £1,000 in cash, Miss Corrigan said. Mr Allcock paid six months' rent of £1,500 on her flat in Portsmouth, gave her a £220 sunbed and paid off her £1,000 credit card debt, the court was told.

Other gifts included a £675 watch, designer clothes, shoes and make-up from Gucci and Harvey Nichols. She had wanted a new car and he gave her a £3,000 cheque towards it, she said, and money towards its insurance. They stayed together at various hotels in Brighton, Hampshire and Surrey. On her birthday he took Miss Corrigan to The Sporting Club in London.

When he was suspended "he said he would not be able to see me for a while and if people asked me questions, just to say how we met in a wine bar and not to mention Hisham's name," she said.

Miss Corrigan said he told her not to mention David Sullivan or anyone else or he would be in trouble. "People like David Sullivan did not mess about," she said he told her. The trial continues.

Miss Corrigan said that every time she met Mr Allcock he gave her cash or a cheque

Michael Allcock, who denies 13 charges of corruption, outside the Old Bailey yesterday

Teenager given three months for carrying a knife

By A Staff Reporter

A TEENAGER who claimed he bought a "lethal" hunting knife for use in fishing trips was sent to a young offenders' institution for 90 days yesterday. Glen Sibbons, 19, a first-time offender, became the second man within four days to be jailed under new laws against knife carriers.

Last week Dean Payne, 26, was the first man to be jailed under the new legislation. He was sentenced to two weeks for carrying three knives.

At Marylebone Magistrates' Court, David Kennett-Brown accepted Payne did not have the weapons for offensive purposes but said that "in the light of the great public fear" of people carrying knives, a prison sentence was called for. It was a view that Rosamond Keating, a fellow stipendiary magistrate, formed in Sibbons's case.

He claimed he bought the black-handled knife with a chunky six-inch blade for fishing. But, holding the knife up at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court in Westminster, Mrs Keating said: "This is a lethal weapon."

She sent Sibbons, a labourer, to a young offenders' institution for 90 days, saying: "An offence of having a knife like this is is so serious that only a custodial sentence can be justified."

Sibbons, of east London, had previously pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of a bladed article, an offence that only became imprisonable on July 4 this year under the Offensive Weapons Act.

Alun Milford, for the prosecution, told the court that on September 6 Sibbons and a group of friends had been drinking at Kavanagh's Irish Bar in the Old Brompton Road, Chelsea, and were involved in an argument.

The assistant manager asked them to leave after Sibbons told him he had a knife. He pulled the weapon out of one pocket and a sheath from another, replacing the weapon in his pocket after putting it into the sheath.

Police were called as the group was leaving the club and when stopped, Sibbons denied he was carrying a knife. The sheath was found in his pocket but not the knife, which was then spotted in the gutter near to where Sibbons was standing.

When interviewed later, he said he had been drunk that night but denied having the knife on him. But Sibbons admitted the offence at an earlier hearing, when he was bailed for reports.

He claimed he had bought the knife from a workmate three or four weeks before his arrest and had left it in his locker. He said he intended to use it on fishing trips and only had it with him on the night in question because he had cleared his locker out before leaving work. Sibbons had no previous convictions but had been cautioned in 1994 for having an offensive weapon.

Labour high-flyer robbed party account of £30,000

By Russell Jenkins

THE accountant who wore smart suits and lived in an expensive flat appeared to be the model parliamentary candidate for new Labour.

But David Hurst was secretly siphoning thousands of pounds from his constituency party's bank accounts to pay for his lifestyle, Bristol Crown Court was told yesterday.

The former Bath party treasurer admitted four specimen charges of forging constituency party cheques and asked for 58 other offences to be taken into consideration. He was jailed for 15 months.

Hurst, 35, was chosen as prospective parliamentary candidate to fight Bath in July last year after serving two years as treasurer. The seat was won at the last general election by the Liberal Democrat Don Foster from Chris Patten, the former Conservative Party chairman.

He was forced to step down as treasurer two months later when he was exposed in *The Sun* newspaper as a benefit cheat who had fraudulently claimed unemployment benefit and rent for four years while working as an accountant for 50 small businesses.

Hurst: stole to support lifestyle beyond means

Labour Party officials ordered an investigation into the party's own books. The inquiry revealed that thousands of pounds were missing and he was arrested shortly afterwards.

The court was told that Hurst, from Bath, began forging the signature of another authorised signatory on local party cheques in March 1994. Martin Picton, for the prosecution, said that altogether he transferred 42 cheques from a party account to his own bank and later withdrew the cash. In total he siphoned off £31,014.

Neil Ford, for Hurst, said he began forging cheques when he found himself in debt. The fraud coincided with his rapid rise through the ranks of the local Labour Party.

Mr Ford said: "It was quite plain they were viewing him as a potential party candidate in Bath. There was a pressure to live up to their expectations. He moved to a better flat, bought smarter clothes and lived well beyond his means. It was all done to pay off his debts and, rather pathetically, to support the image." Towards the end, he had turned to gambling in an attempt to win back the stolen money.

Hurst's position as prospective parliamentary candidate has been taken by another accountant, Tim Bush. Labour hopes to double the 4,102 votes polled in April 1992.

Ross Hayman, a regional party officer, said after the hearing: "We have now put this episode behind us and we are working very hard with Tim Bush in preparation for the forthcoming election campaign."

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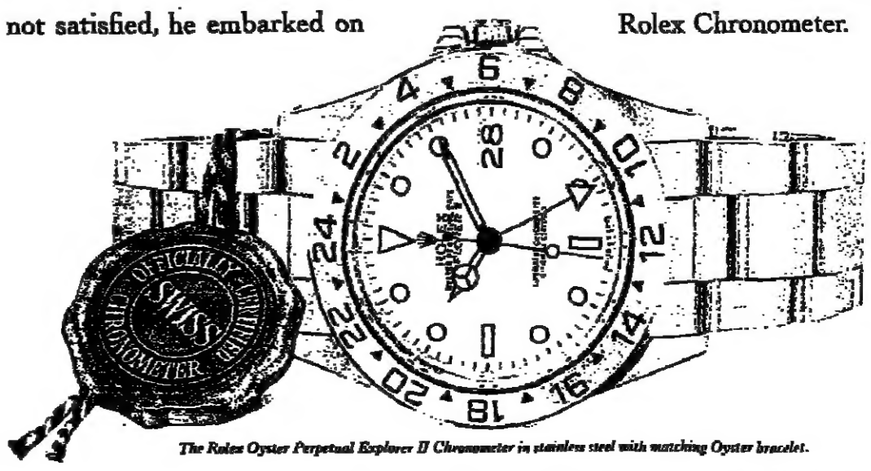

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Academics join battle over site of business school

By John O'Leary

THE fate of Oxford University's proposed £40 million business school is likely to go to a ballot of dons, whatever the outcome of a highly charged debate in the university parliament this afternoon.

Hundreds of academics are expected to attend today's meeting of Congregation to vote on a special resolution releasing the University Club sports ground to be the site for the building that will house the school. But either side can demand a postal vote if the result is not clear-cut.

Professor John Kay, who will head Oxford's School of Management Studies, said a postal vote seemed inevitable, but today's vote would be crucial to the project's success. "Even if the result was reversed later, it would be hugely damaging if the vote in Congregation went the wrong way. It would make it much more difficult to recruit top academics or attract donors."

There has been speculation that Wafic Said, the Middle Eastern businessman, might withdraw his £20 million donation if the proposal is rejected. No alternative site has been identified for the school.

Opponents might be voting for a variety of reasons. Some disapprove of Mr Said, a friend of Baroness Thatcher who helped British Aerospace win a big arms contract with Saudi Arabia. Others would prefer that university fund-raising activities were concentrated on other disciplines.

A flysheet in the latest *Oxford University Gazette* argues that scarce sports facilities will be further depleted if the scheme goes ahead. The land was sold to the university by Merton College in 1964 on condition that it was kept as open space. Another site has been promised for the University Club, but the flysheet's ten signatories say: "The university should place greater value on its own word and the amenity of the citizens of Oxford than the desire of an individual donor to have his building on the last remaining greenfield site in central Oxford."

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NACHELLE CROWTHER

Inge: Gladstone's great-great-great-granddaughter

Gladstone bags model job but opts for A levels

A 16-YEAR-OLD descendant of William Gladstone, the Liberal Prime Minister, has turned her back on a lucrative modelling contract in Paris to study for her A levels (Kathryn Knight writes).

Olivia Inge, the great-great-great-granddaughter of William Gladstone, was offered her own apartment, a clothing allowance and potential earnings of £10,000 a day after being spotted by the French agency Metropolitan while visiting an aunt in Paris last month. Instead, she chose to complete her A levels in English, theatre studies and French at Wells Cathedral School in Somerset, turning down the chance to join Metropolitan models Eva Herzigova and Claudia Schiffer. "Although I was tempted, I decided I wanted to get my A levels behind me," Miss Inge said. "Modelling is an extremely tough world and I need something to fall back on."

One cousin, Cecilia Chancellor, is a model and another is the actress Anna Chancellor — Duckface in *Four Weddings and a Funeral*. Miss Inge is not spurning modelling completely. She is hoping to work for the London agency Models One during her school holidays.

Increase in appeals over exams disrupts university admissions

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

AN UPSURGE in appeals against GCSE and A-level grades is forcing examining boards and universities to rethink their traditional procedures, according to the head of the independent authority which arbitrates on disputes.

University admissions officers reported a big increase in the thousands of A-level grades increased on appeal this summer. Some universities are now holding places open while candidates challenge their grades and there are proposals for an express service to ensure that the process is completed in time for degree admissions to go ahead smoothly.

Dame Elizabeth Anson, who chairs the Independent Appeals Authority for School Examinations, said yesterday that a culture of appeals had grown up as schools and parents recognised the potential benefits. A variety of explanations has been put forward for the trend, including the influence of examination league tables. Martin Stephen, the High Master of Manchester Grammar School, wrote in *The Times* on Friday that an unscrupulous school could use an appeal as an excuse for not submitting poor A-level results.

Talks failed to make progress yesterday at a primary school where teachers are striking rather than teach a ten-year-old boy. Plans to restore individual tuition for Matthew Wilson at the expense of the Manton School, in Worksop, Nottinghamshire, were abandoned after opposition from parents. Three governors, including the chairman, have resigned.

Anthony McClaran, deputy chief executive of the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, said universities were obliged to accept applicants whose amended results met the terms of their offer by the end of August, but most were willing to hold open a place for the following year if the appeal dragged on. Most appeals take less than a month, but large numbers remain to be settled when the academic year begins.

At a press conference in London to launch the IAASE's annual report, Lady Anson said: "Even if you apply as quickly as you can, you still could not get your place at university because it is already settled. We would like universities to wait at least until the end of September before they reject someone who is in the process of appealing."

Proposals for a reform of the appeals process are expected later this year when arrangements are finalised for a single body to oversee academic and vocational examinations. Among the issues under consideration will be whether to give schools the right to examine contested examination papers for the first time.

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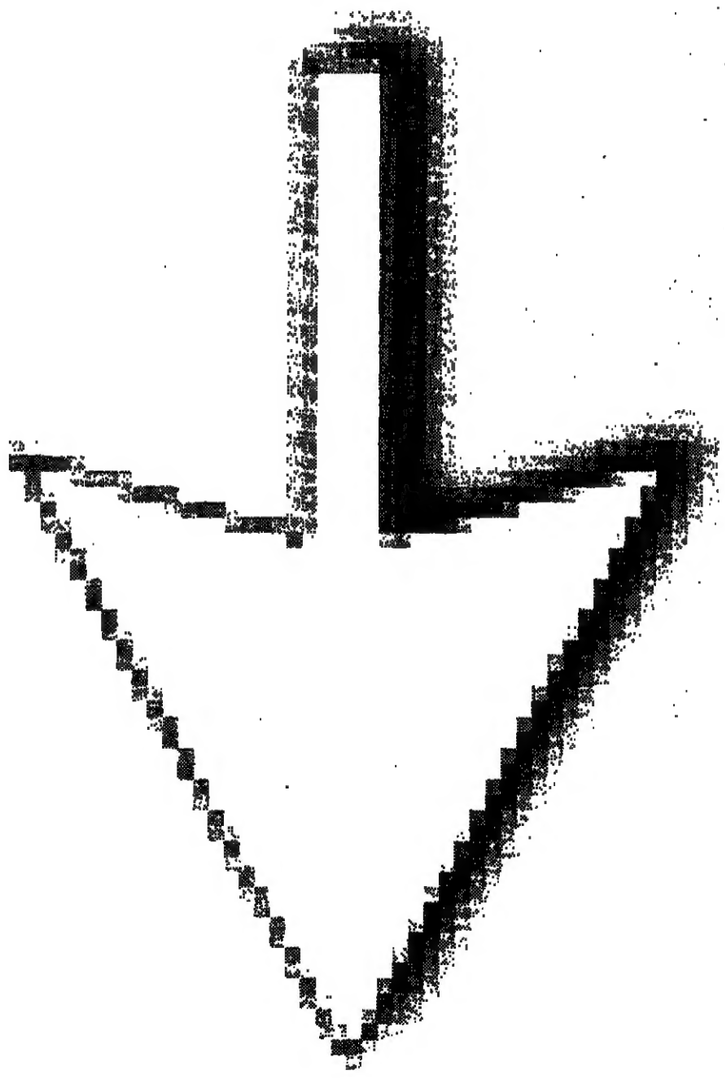

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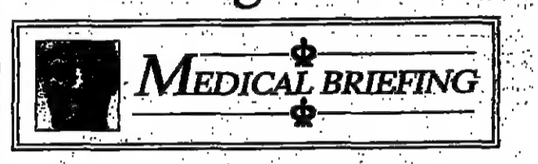
Deadly double of smoke and drink encourages cancer



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

IF only Barry Porter, the Conservative MP who died of throat cancer this week, had limited his enthusiasm to beer without tobacco he might have avoided the cancer which killed him.

When Mr Porter started in local politics, it operated in a traditionally smoke-filled, beer-drinking environment. The association between cigarettes, alcohol and cancer is an interesting one.

A cursory glance at the statistics would make any drinker leave his glass of beer or whisky untouched. The standard reference book, *Alcohol and the Gastro-Intestinal Tract*, says that 75 per cent of oesophageal gullet cancers and 50 per cent of mouth and laryngeal cancers in the United States are associated with drinking. For many of those who enjoy an evening drink, the good news is lower down on the same page.

Despite the actual statistical association and exhaustive experimental studies, none has shown alcohol to be directly cancer forming, but they have demonstrated that alcohol, when combined with an environmental factor, in particular tobacco, can be deadly. Research among workers in the distillery industry within the past few years demonstrated that light spirit drinking was not, contrary to popular belief, associated with increased oesophageal cancer and that in fact light spirit drinkers had a lower incidence of this tumour than did teetotallers. It is only when the worker became a heavy drinker that alcohol became a factor.

Although tobacco is the most dangerous substance to take with alcohol, other circumstances can also precipitate malignant changes in the mouth, throat or upper intestinal tract in heavy drinkers. Drinking, if it is associated with malnutrition, is known to be hazardous and there is an increased incidence in these cancers in under-nourished heavy drinkers.

A recent study published in the Japanese *Journal of Clinical Oncology* reported that in Japan the life-threatening combination was alcohol and hot drinks. The North Country habit of drinking tea which is so hot that it burns the throat has always been recognised as a potential risk. Anecdotal evidence has always existed that showed that in those who are able to swallow hot drinks without flinching, a tumour is liable to grow at a slightly higher level than it would in those whose dietary mistake is to combine alcohol and tobacco.

Barry Porter: victim of political environment

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'Student' buys mortar as firework confusion reigns

By Adrian Lee and Damian Whitworth

MORTAR-STYLE fireworks, similar to the one which killed a City trader at the weekend, were still openly on sale to the public yesterday amid confusion over safety laws.

A *Times* reporter, posing as a student, bought one device for £25, with a £10 cardboard firing tube, from a shop in east London. The Chinese-made firework was clearly stamped "for professional use only". An advertisement claims it soars 300ft into the air and detonates with an explosion covering a quarter of an acre.

One expert from the Institute of Trading Standards Administration said it was illegal to sell the firework, called a Half and Half Chrysanthemum, to members of the public without checking that they were competent to explode it. However, legislation is so confusing that another trading standards officer said he believed the shop had done nothing illegal but should have given clearer instructions.

The weekend deaths of Steve Timcke, 34, a City trader, from Dartford, Kent, and David Hattersley, 45, a head teacher, of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, have prompted calls for mortar-style fireworks to be banned and safety laws tightened.

Campaigners claim that a relaxation of trade barriers three years ago led to an influx of dangerous foreign fireworks and helped to cause a sharp leap in injuries. The Government said that the change was in name only, replacing a firework licence with an import authority, but has promised to review legislation.

The £1b firework was bought by *The Times* from Big Bang Fireworks, in Bethnal Green Road. Until recently the shop was an estate agency, but it is being rented for a few weeks to take advantage of the seasonal firework trade with a £10.20 registration purchased from the local authority, Tower Hamlets.

A saleswoman in the shop sold the firework, offering a discount for two. She did not check whether the buyer was a fireworks expert or whether the planned display would be properly organised or in a back garden. She did point out that it should not be detonated in a small area. It carried a label stating that it complied with British Standards and a warning that it could cause fatal injuries, that spectators should be at least 25 metres away and that it should be fired from the 125mm tube.

The assistant said that the tube should be carefully buried. "One guy who bought one blew up his shed by accident," she said.

The British Standards Institution, which classifies fireworks, said any device marked for professional use only should not be sold to the public. Dave Roderick, a spokesman for the Institute of Trading Standards, said: "That's an offence, you shouldn't have been sold that. We would have expected them to ask reasonable questions and perhaps ask for some reasonable proof that you were competent. You can see why people get their heads blown off."

John Finch, a consumer services officer at Tower Hamlets council, said: "I would certainly like to see fireworks like this banned. They are outrageous." He believed the shop was within its rights to sell the firework because it was clearly labelled in English. Nathan Gates, who works at the shop, said: "As we understand it, we are doing nothing illegal. We have sold quite a few. The mark-up is very good."

JM Enterprises, of Wetherby, West Yorkshire, which imported the firework, insisted it was suitable for public sale but Nigel Jackson, the joint managing director, added: "After the two tragedies over the weekend, we had a board meeting and we will not be importing the shells in 1997 for use by anyone."

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The cost of fireworks and safety fears are expected to prompt people to attend organised displays rather than hold private parties tonight. Many councils have decided to make events free. Leeds City Council estimates that up to 40,000 will visit Roundhay Park for a half-hour display to the strains of film themes, hit musicals and popular classics. Other big displays around the country include:

Birmingham: Pype Hayes Park. Bonfire from 6.30pm, fireworks at 7pm and 9pm. £3 adults, £1.50 children.

Carlisle: Bitts Park, Carlisle. Bonfire lit at 7pm. Fireworks on castle battlements from 7.15pm. Free.

Chesterfield: Stand Road Recreation Ground, Stand Road, Whittington Moor. Fireworks from 7.30pm. Free.

Edinburgh: Meadowbank Sports Centre. Doors open 6pm, fireworks at 7pm. Tickets £1.50/£1.

Glasgow: Glasgow Green. Fireworks 6.30 to 8.30pm. Free.

Luton: Wardown Park, Old Bedford Road. Gates open 6.30pm, fireworks from 7.30pm. £2.50.

Liverpool: Sefton Park, Albert Dock and Walton Hall Park will all have fireworks at 8pm. Free.

Manchester: Heaton Park, bonfire 7 to 10pm, fireworks from 8pm. Free. Wythenshawe Park, bonfire 7.30pm, fireworks from 8pm. Free.

Suffolk: Islington Suffolk Site, Thornham Magna. Bonfire and barbeque 6pm, fireworks 7pm. £1.50; £1 children.

Warrington: Victoria Park, Knutsford Road, Warrington. Bonfire 7.30pm, fireworks 8pm. £2 adults, £1 children.

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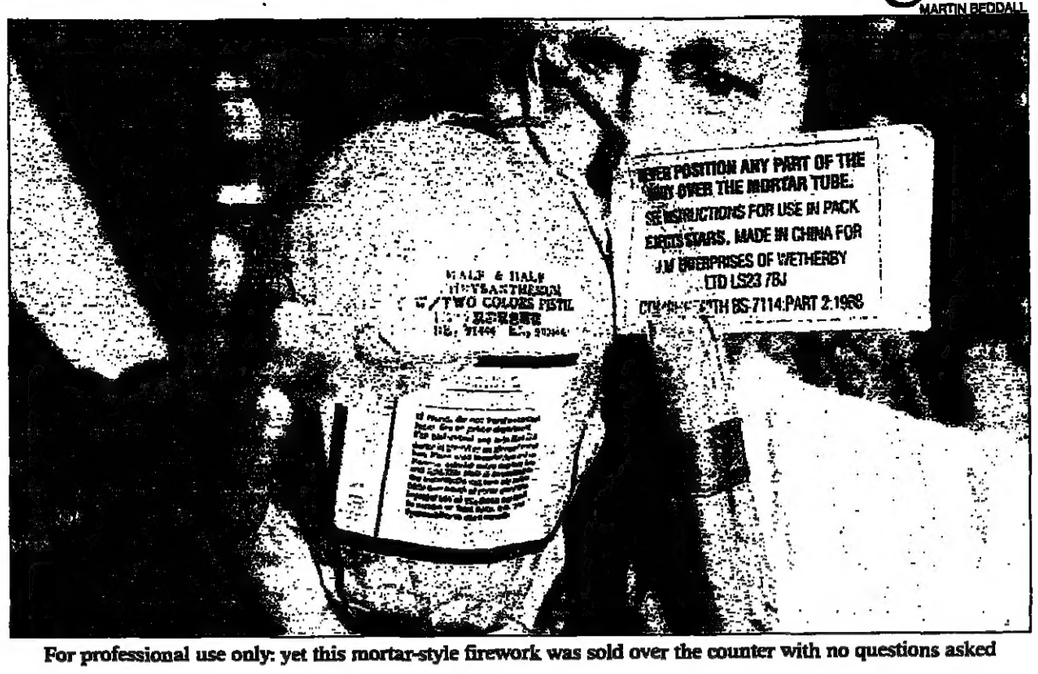

For professional use only: yet this mortar-style firework was sold over the counter with no questions asked

Gabrielle Harvey-Jones with Sir John yesterday

Troubleshooter's daughter wins damages over fall

By Bill Frost

SIR John Harvey-Jones, the former chairman of ICI, last night launched a bitter attack on a restaurant owned by the Queen's nephew Lord Linley where his disabled daughter suffered a fall that had "ruined" her life.

He claimed that staff at Deals in Chelsea Harbour, southwest London, had shown neither compassion nor concern after the accident. Their behaviour towards his daughter Gabrielle, who contracted polio at the age of four, had been "monstrous", he added.

His comments came as Miss Harvey-Jones, 45, won undisclosed damages after a six-year legal battle over the fall at Viscount Linley's restaurant. Having gone there in November 1990 for lunch with two friends, she fell and broke her leg, a hearing at Central London County Court was told. She claimed to have slipped on a wet patch of floor.

After the fall she was given a glass of water and asked to move from the floor "because it was putting off" the other diners. Her calliper had broken her left leg in two places and she needed a metal plate inserted at the Charing Cross Hospital. She needed further treatment later. Accompanied by her father, who employed her as his secretary at the time, she said outside court: "It was an appalling experience," she said. "I am relieved it's over. It's taken an unbelievably long time."

Sir John said: "Not at any time have Deals shown the slightest sign of compassion or concern except to give her a glass of water when she was on the floor. The fact they requested to move her when she was on the floor was monstrous. Her life has been ruined but there has been no message from Deals, no telephone calls, no contact of any sort to this day. Surely you can show compassion without admitting liability? I would be ashamed to have any dealings with Deals."

Miss Harvey-Jones, from Ross-on-Wye, Hereford and Worcester, said: "It's changed my life in every conceivable way. I don't think it will be the same again. The manageress asked if I could be moved because I was inconveniencing them. I was putting off the other diners. I had a very high-powered job which I enjoyed. That's now finished. I had polio when I was a child but I was very mobile and independent until the accident."

Jonathon Marks, representing Miss Harvey-Jones, told the court that a settlement had been reached and Neil Block, representing the restaurant owners, Lachmead Ltd, confirmed the agreement.

John Smith, for the Lachmead Group, said: "We are unable to comment on the settlement, or the events leading up to it, as they are subject to a confidentiality agreement."

CORRECTION

Although saddened by the death of Jack Tinker (Obituary, October 29), Princess Margaret wishes to point out that, while she met him on a number of occasions, he never acted as her "walker".

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Ambitious electronic conspiracy could have added up to the biggest bank raid in history

How gang planned to tap into 30 million accounts

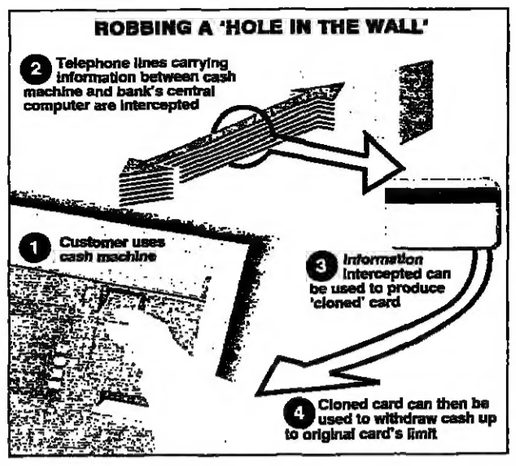
By Robert Miller

THE conviction of seven conspirators at London's Southwark Crown Court yesterday on charges of attempting to milk hundreds of millions of pounds from the international banking system put paid to what could have been the biggest-ever electronic scam.

The multimillion-pound con, alleged to have been devised by Kenneth Noye, who was not in court, was simple. With the help of corrupt British Telecom employees the plastic card fraudsters would tap into the telephone lines that link the national networks of 21,000 Automated Telling Machines — or cash machines — to the mainframe computers at the bank or building society's headquarters. Between them, these computers contain all the relevant details of the estimated 30 million personal accounts held in this country.

The gang of seven would use other electronic devices, including computer hardware and software, to decipher or de-encrypt the information. These vital details on personal accounts were then to be downloaded on to bogus plastic cards.

It is understood that when officers from the cheque and credit card squad of the Metropolitan Police, assisted by the fraud division of the Association for Payment Clearing Services, the trade body for plastic card issuers, raided premises in July last year, they found 30,000 "white" or blank cards, ready for use, plus a further 3,000 which had some details on already.



Once the fraudsters had downloaded the personal details onto the cards they would have used these to withdraw cash from machines around the country. Investigators point out that plastic card fraudsters generally prefer the cash machines at non-bank locations, where the possibility of security cameras or other devices is less likely.

Inquiries by *The Times*, however, have established that the seven conspirators were in fact themselves victims of other fraudsters. The equipment seized by the police in raids was not sophisticated enough to decipher much of the information captured over the telephone lines. Worse still, they did not have the correct PIN, or personal identity numbers, needed to gain access to individual accounts in the first place.

Banks and building societies tend to be reticent about plastic-card fraud on machines for fear of causing concern about the security of such systems and emphasise that people can be the victims of so-called "phantom withdrawals". The Bank of England uses outside accountancy firms to conduct special investigations under Section 39 of the Banking Act into computer systems and security.

The convictions at Southwark Crown Court yesterday ended what is thought to be the most ambitious attempt yet to use bogus plastic to steal money from the electronic banking system. Last year fraudsters struck at banks and building societies, including the Halifax, for a second time. In that case, the conmen used camcorders to film unsuspecting customers using cash machines. One long-lens camera, usually placed in a building opposite the cash machine, filmed the front of the card while the other zoomed in on the vital PIN number being tapped in.

When blown up on a large screen the details were easy to distinguish and these were transferred to the magnetic strip of the bogus card, which was used to plunder the account. Since then, however, extra security chips are being included in plastic cards, making it much harder to carry out such a scam.

It was these extra security devices that doomed to failure the potential fraud exposed in court yesterday. It also led to the conmen becoming victims themselves.

Kennieth Noye and his wife Brenda. He is believed to be hiding in southern Spain

The man who disapppeared after the murder of Stephen Cameron

KENNETH NOYE'S photographs have been filed under the wanted list in every police station in Britain because he is a key suspect for the "road rage" murder of Stephen Cameron on the M25 in May. Noye is still on the run. The latest revelations of links to the cash card gang come as many officers and the underworld believe Noye, 49, is safely hidden by criminal contacts in southern Spain. Noye disappeared from Britain within a day of the murder of Mr Cameron, who was stabbed when he got out of his car to argue with the driver of a Land Rover Discovery. Noye has been linked to a similar car which was registered in the name of an alias he used for the home of a mistress. Noye was also an informer for Scotland Yard. In 1984 he was arrested for the murder of John Fordham, a Yard undercover officer who was keeping him under surveillance after the £26 million Brink's-Mat bullion robbery. Fordham was stabbed by Noye after the policeman was found hiding in the garden of Noye's country home at West Kingsdown, Kent. Noye was acquitted after pleading self defence and later convicted for his part in the laundering of gold from the robbery. He was sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment, and was released two years ago.

Card plot team was Who's Who of London villainy

By Stewart Tendler

THE cash card conspiracy brought together some of the biggest names in south London villainy, stretching back through the £26 million Brink's-Mat robbery to the Richardson gang in the 1960s.

John Lloyd, 57, nicknamed "Little Legs", has long been a major underworld figure. Suspected by Scotland Yard of being involved in handling cash from the Brink's-Mat robbery in 1983, he fled to Florida. He also spent part of his time in east London, despite a £10,000 reward for his capture. His common law wife Jean Savage, who lived in a house bought from Noye, was convicted of moving £2.5 million into bank accounts and jailed for five years.

In 1994 Lloyd came back to Britain and Savage. He gave himself up and the Crown Prosecution Service decided not to charge him. After making a settlement with the insurers he appeared to be living quietly back in West Kingsdown, Kent, not far from Kenneth Noyes's old home, hiring out used cars and vans. Once again Lloyd could not resist temptation and called in close family. Another of the gang, Stephen Seton, from Chislehurst, London, is married to one of Lloyd's daughters and John Maguire, 36, from Mottingham, southeast London, is a friend of Seton.

Billy Hayward comes from the south London generation before Lloyd and Noye. In 1966 he was jailed for eight years after a gang fight at the Mr Smith club in Catford, south London with the Richardsons and their lieutenant Mad Frankie Fraser. Hayward and his brother "Flash Harry", heads of a second league gang seeking promotion, tried to take over the club and the ensuing fight ended with one man dead. In recent years Hayward has been living at a farm in Yalding, Kent.

The other gang members are Paul Kidd, 36, from Meopham, Kent; Graham Moore, 32, Erith, London, and Stephen Moore, 41, of Leytonstone, east London.

John Lloyd: known as "Little Legs" in gangland

Supergrass may spend life under police protection

By Stewart Tendler

MARTIN GRANT, the gang's electrical expert, could spend the rest of his life under police protection after telling detectives about the plot.

Grant was approached by the gang and recruited while serving a 16-year sentence in Blantyre open prison, Kent, for trying to kill his wife and baby son. But he confessed to the prison chaplain and gave police a 300-page statement.

An electrician by trade, Grant was first jailed in 1988. Annoyed that he had been passed over for promotion, he had tried to sabotage the water supply at Braintree, Essex, where he worked.

Out of prison after a nine-month sentence, he fell for a 25-year-old fire brigade controller. They became lovers and Grant decide to get rid of his wife, Debbie, and his baby son, Lewis. He started by trying to booby-trap the family home and set fire to a sofa that he hoped would cause fumes to suffocate his family.

His wife smelt burning and escaped. When that failed he deliberately drove into a telegraph pole in a quiet road. He ostensibly went off to look for help but doubled back and set fire to the car. His family were saved by a passer-by.

At his trial, Grant begged his wife for forgiveness but she said she would never let him meet his son, while Lewis remained a minor.

In prison, he studied for a degree in electronic communications and digital and logic design. He met one of the gang on a day-release scheme to a garage in Kent. Grant had the technical skill they would need.

Now he faces years on the run like Anthony Black, the security guard in the Brink's-Mat robbery who named the robbers and has been in hiding for 13 years. Grant will have his identify changed and given help to find a new home and profession. Eventually he may even go abroad, linked to his minders by a secret telephone number.

Although few informants have ever been reached by the underworld, the Yard takes no chances. A dedicated unit provides all the back-up to take a criminal out of range and keep him protected. The unit, based within the serious crime branch, has contacts with other countries to make moves go smoother, but sometimes the criminals find it difficult to adjust. Some "supergrasses" have returned eventually to their old haunts — and survived.

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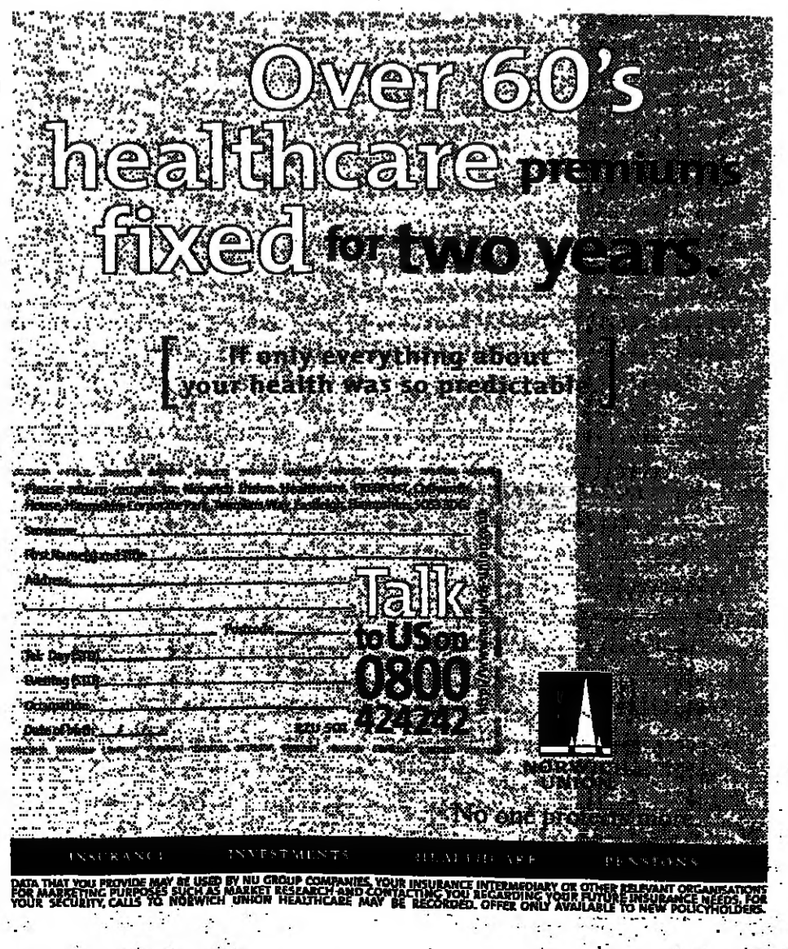

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Proposals for minimum sentences 'enable judges to deal justly with particular cases'

Mackay has change of heart over Crime Bill

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

PLANS for tougher sentencing have won the crucial backing of the Lord Chancellor as they start their passage through Parliament. In a change of view, Lord Mackay of Clashfern says the Home Secretary's proposals on minimum sentences are now framed so as to meet the concerns of judges.

Lord Mackay, who had balked at the idea of minimum sentences, said in an interview with *The Times* that the Crime (Sentences) Bill would enable judges to "deal justly with particular cases". He also came out in favour of legislation to allow the first scrutiny of the secret workings of juries and pledged further reforms to cut needless waste in the £1.4 billion legal aid bill.

On the Crime Bill, Lord Mackay said: "My view is that it's satisfactory, certainly." He added: "I do think that many of their concerns will have been met." However, the judges, who have condemned the proposals, do not appear to have been appeased by the wording of the Bill.

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Cornhill, is expected to make his opposition clear on *Breakfast With Frost* on BBC1 on Sunday. His views on the Crime Bill, and in particular the proposal for minimum sentences for repeat burglars and drug dealers, are expected to provide the main topic of his interview.

The Bill would allow judges to depart from imposing a minimum sentence in "exceptional circumstances". Lord Mackay said he had ensured that this phrase was included so judges could escape what they saw as a restriction on their ability to match punishment and crime.

"I expressed the view that one needed to consider that and the Home Secretary obviously did have that under consideration and this is the result of it," he said. "I think it enables them to deal justly with particular cases, while at the same time giving very clear warning to anyone who's contemplating a crime of this kind what the result will be, unless there are exceptional circumstances." However, one judicial source said: "The courts have always construed the meaning of 'exceptional circumstances' very strictly. There are many cases which would not be viewed as 'exceptional circumstances' but where judges would wish to give less than the minimum sentence."

The Bill, which began its passage yesterday, is expected to go through on a large majority in the Commons after Labour decided not to oppose it. In the Lords, however, Lord Bingham will lead an onslaught by a string of senior judges.

Lord Mackay said he was also seeking legislation to lift the ban on the secrets of the jury room in the light of backing from Lord Bingham. Any such move was strongly opposed by Lord Taylor of Gosforth, his predecessor as Lord Chief Justice who recently retired through ill health. Lord Bingham has said that he would be in favour of controlled research into how jurors went about their task.

Lord Mackay said: "It's something that needs to be considered. I've certainly had proposals for taking this forward and I'll do my best to take them forward as soon as circumstances allow."

He emphasised that such research, recommended by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice in 1993, would not inquire into individual verdicts. "Nobody wishes to create a situation in which appeals on jury verdicts are the result of inquiries of this kind." The idea was to see if the jury system could be improved, or if steps could be taken to help jurors in matters they found difficult.

On the subject of legal aid, the Lord Chancellor made clear for the first time that his plans would proceed "hand in hand" with the current overhaul of civil justice by Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls.

He said a Legal Aid Bill had been dropped for this session as "the Government took the view that to have a Bill of this kind would be quite difficult and on the whole I prefer that a Bill of this kind should be thoroughly considered".

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Lord Mackay pictured at his office in the House of Lords by Chris Harris. He admitted he had been behind some of the wording in the Bill

Islanders back self-government poll

By Ian Murray, community correspondent

ALMOST three out of four Isle of Wight residents want a referendum on self-government, according to a *MORI* opinion poll published yesterday. The survey also shows a clear majority opposed to building a bridge or tunnel to join the island to the mainland.

Morris Barton, leader of the Liberal Democrat-controlled council, said: "This shows people here are fed up with the way they have been ignored by central government and want the right to make decisions affecting their lives."

The council will press for the referendum and will take the Government to the European Court if it refuses to hold one. "All candidates in the general election will be asked to make clear where they stand on the issue so that voters will know which of them will be prepared to fight for them," Mr Barton said. "Labour are supposed to be in favour of devolution, so if they win we will hold them to it."

The poll shows 73 per cent in favour of a referendum and 22 per cent against; 44 per cent want island government to remain the same compared with 38 per cent who want self-government. Those opposed to change were mostly pensioners, while 60 per cent of those aged under 54 want more autonomy.

"Over 40 per cent of people under 28 on the island are unemployed and they are the people who feel most strongly about this," Mr Barton said. "We have the highest unemployment in the South East and one of the lowest GDPs in Britain.

"The EU told us that we would automatically qualify for assisted-area status but because our Government lumps us in regionally with the prosperous South East, we get nothing. The result is that we have a haemorrhage of young people from the island and we are left with an ageing population."

The MORI poll questioned 790 residents aged over 18, chosen as representative of the 125,000 population.

Motorist banned for catching up with paperwork in the fast lane

A MOTORIST seen reading a book while driving at 70mph in the fast lane of a motorway escaped with a three-month ban at Cardiff Crown Court yesterday after the judge ruled that he must have been trying to catch up with his paperwork (Russell Jenkins writes).

Gary Roberts, 25, a contract cleaning company executive, of Crosskeys, Gwent, was driving erratically at speeds of up to 70mph along the M4 while reading what appeared to be a paperback novel, the court was told.

He was arrested after an off-duty police officer saw him propping the book on the steering wheel and followed his car for 20 miles in the fast lane. Roberts, who says he cannot remember the incident, admitted a charge of dangerous driving. Judge Curran said he accepted that Roberts was not reading a novel and banned him from driving for three months, fined him £250 with £400 costs. He was also ordered to retake his driving test.

He told Roberts: "Modern working life means many people catch up on work and I believe you were trying to catch up on paperwork."

Roberts said afterwards: "I never dreamt there was a policeman following me. I thought I was the victim of road rage. The car behind me was flashing his lights and driving very close so I just carried on going. It could have been any lunatic."

Architect's family wins death case

The family of the architect Sir James Stirling, 68, have agreed undisclosed damages over his death following a hernia operation at the Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth, northwest London. Adrian Whitfield, QC, for the family, said liability for alleged negligence by the anaesthetist Dr Peter Hardwick was no longer contested. Sir James's work included the Cambridge history faculty library and the Tate's Clore Gallery.

Mortar charge

A 53-year-old man appeared in court charged with conspiring to cause the IRA mortar attacks on Heathrow in 1994. Michael Anthony Gallagher was remanded in custody until November 12 at Belmarsh Magistrates' Court, southeast London.

Keeper convicted

Andy Goram, the Scotland goalkeeper, was banned from driving for 18 months and fined £1,000 after being convicted of drink-driving. Goram, 32, who pleaded guilty, is the third Rangers international player to be convicted of drink-driving this year.

War boat saved

A boat that rescued 1,000 British troops from the Dunkirk beaches in 1940 has been saved from a Guy Fawkes bonfire in the Isles of Scilly. The 51ft *Southern Queen* has been donated to the Dunkirk Association which is to seek lottery funds to restore it.

Singer on street

The singer George Michael is giving his first interview in six years — to *The Big Issue*, the magazine sold to help the homeless. Michael has refused to give any publicity interviews for years. The edition containing the interview goes on sale on Monday.

Driving school

A college has set up its own motoring academy to get sixth-formers through their driving tests. A qualified driving instructor takes practical and theory sessions at Richard Huish College, Taunton, Somerset, during free classroom periods.

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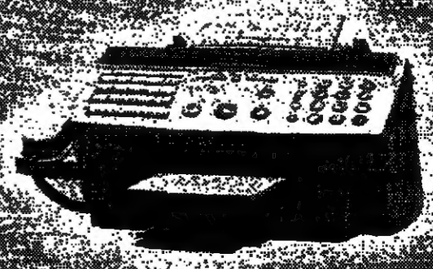

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Don with mistaken list of honours goes on extended leave

By Paul Wilkinson

THE controversial head of a university college has taken leave of absence after a series of discrepancies in his academic qualifications came to light.

When senior officials at Durham University meet this morning to discuss the issue they will be told that the Rev Dr Duane Wade-Hampton Arnold, Principal of St Chad's College at Durham, is taking three months' leave.

Dr Arnold, 43, declined to comment yesterday when asked if he would return to the principal's lodge in the shadow of Durham Cathedral when his leave was completed. His wife Janet, who was appointed the university's part-time director of development at the same time as Dr Arnold took up his post in 1994, is also taking three months' leave.

Dr Arnold, who earns £40,000 a year, will remain on full pay, as will his wife, who is paid £20,000 for her three-day-a-week job. The American-born principal said last night: "I can confirm I am taking leave of absence. I am not quite sure just yet exactly what I shall be doing, but I have a number of projects to consider.

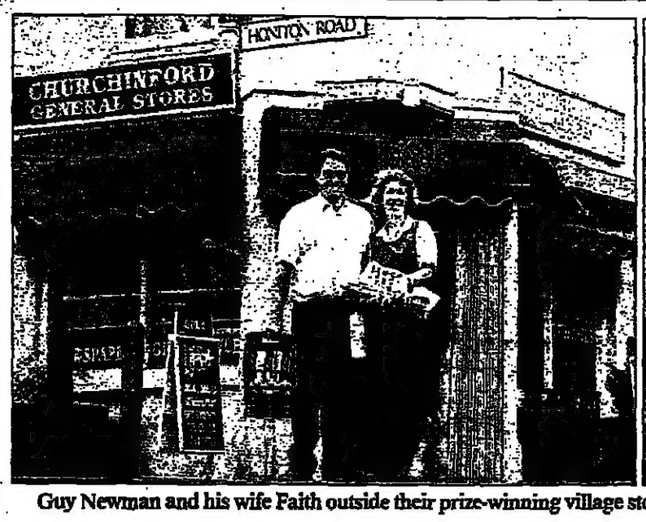
"I shall be doing what I always do, reading and writing. I shall be out and about, in Durham and elsewhere. I am not sure if I will be going to the United States. My wife will be with me, we usually do things together."

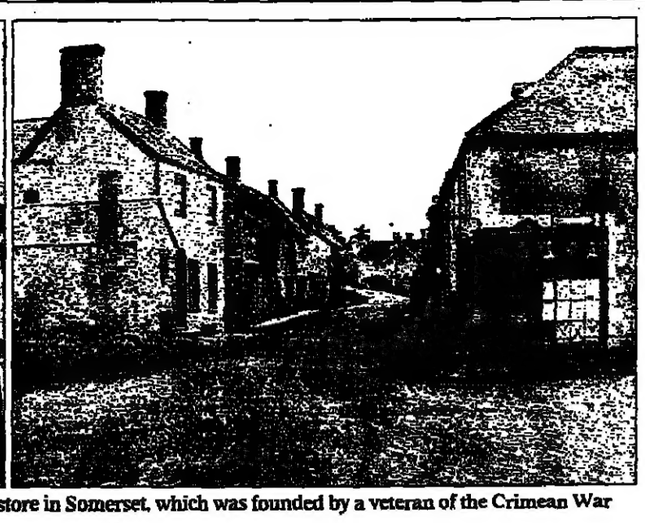
Dr Arnold: going on leave with wife

Last month Dr Arnold admitted that a series of academic qualifications in the 1996 *Who's Who* and at least one ecclesiastical directory were misleading. He blamed errors by staff on the journals who had interpreted his honours as similar-sounding, but more prestigious awards.

The university is also checking details given by him for his application to the Department on Education and Employment for a work permit, although it says Dr Arnold is more than qualified.

Last night academics within the university declined to comment until after the council meeting, but Dr Vernon Armitage, Principal of St Hild and St Bede College, said: "I am very concerned for the future of St Chad's. When new articles for its government are drawn up they should be associated with the appointment of a new principal."





Guy Newman and his wife Faith outside their prize-winning village store in Somerset, which was founded by a veteran of the Crimean War

Happier days in store for the village shop

By Michael Prestage

THE village shop is at last winning the battle against cut-price competition from superstores. Research shows that, after two decades, the decline has abated as an emphasis on personal service and a more business-like approach give village shops an edge.

The recovery is charted in records of shop numbers kept by Wiltshire County Council and a recent study of the county by the Rural Development Commission. In the Queen's Speech last month the importance of the village shop was recognised by the Government, with its Rural Communities Bill to allow rates to be cut by up to 50 per cent. Up to 6,000 village stores could benefit.

Andy Conn, a senior planning officer with the council, welcomed the revival, saying the stores were very important for villages. "It marks a recovery in confidence and perhaps a determination on the part of the shop-owners who remain to succeed." He said the less well-run shops had succumbed to the pressures of recession and competition, while those that survived had owners with entrepreneurial zeal. Shops now offered items such as videos and had in-store bakeries. "Once, running the village store was seen as a sort of semi-retirement job. Now, people are coming into the business knowing it is going to be hard work to make it succeed."

Tony Foss, a retail consultant working for the commission, said: "I have studied 150 village shops and life is still difficult for them, but there is a feeling that the worst is over. The shops that have survived will continue to flourish."

Churchinford village store, in Somerset, does not look much changed from the picture hanging on the wall, circa 1904. But the range of goods — everything from diesel fuel and fruit and veg to newspapers and wellington boots — is vastly different. Martin Newman gave up his job as operations manager of an engineering company to run the store with his wife Faith. It serves a four-mile radius and won a Best Village Shop in Somerset competition in 1994.

Doctors say new drugs successful in fighting Aids

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

NEW drug therapies against the Aids virus HIV are transforming the lives of many patients, dramatically reducing risks of blindness and cancer, doctors reported yesterday.

"Since we started these therapies we have seen a complete transformation," Dr Peter Ruane, an Aids specialist from Los Angeles, told a news conference at the International Congress on Drug Therapy in HIV Infection at Birmingham Convention Centre.

A new class of drugs, called nuclease inhibitors, used in combination with established treatments such as AZT or ddC as part of a cocktail of drugs, can reduce the amount of HIV below levels of detectibility. Though not cured, many patients have found that their condition is enormously improved.

Two striking findings announced by Dr Ruane yesterday are reductions in opportunistic infections such as those caused by cytomegalovirus (CMV), which can lead to blindness in people who are HIV-positive. Dr Ruane said: "We're just not seeing any new CMV disease. It is extraordinary."

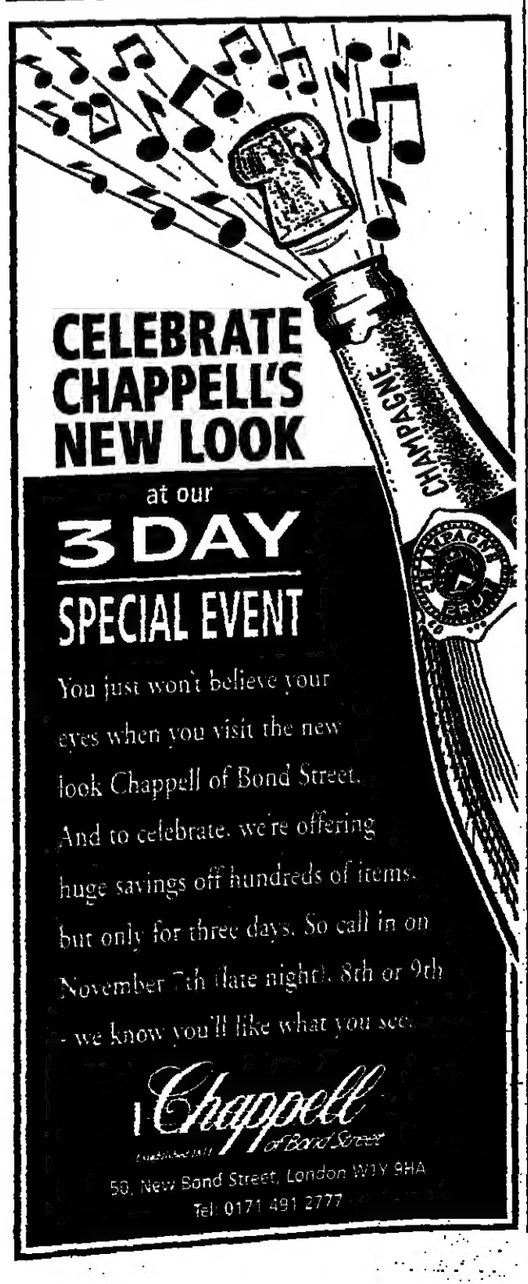
He also said a common cancer that affected Aids patients was spontaneously disappearing: "Patients with Kaposi's sarcoma who were normally referred for radiation therapy or chemotherapy were watching the lesions actually disappear."

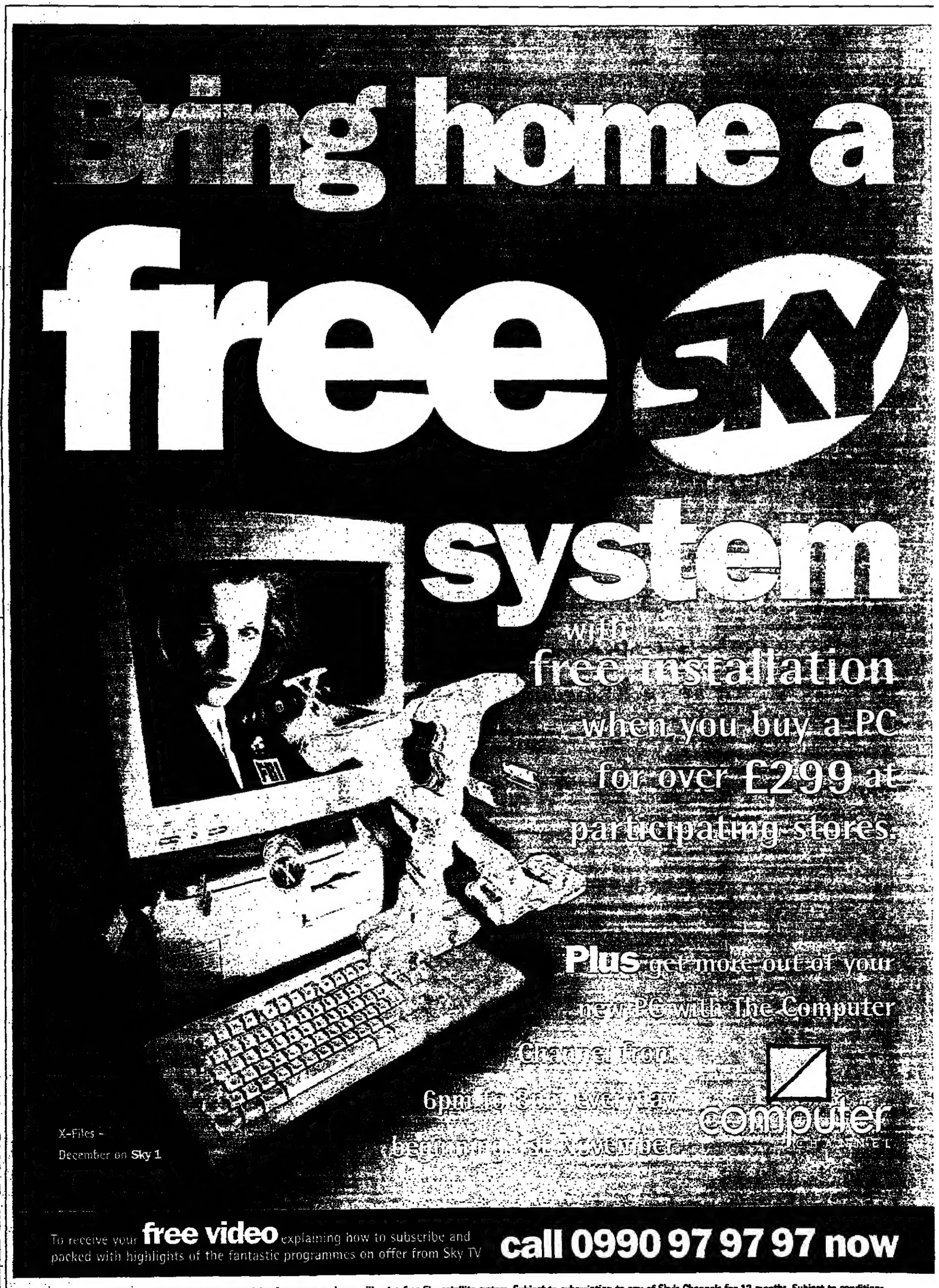
The reason, he said, was that the patient's own immune systems seemed to be fighting off the diseases.

Aids activists urged that the new drugs should be made available to all British patients as soon as possible. They fear that restricted drug budgets in the NHS may prevent the drugs being as widely prescribed as their effects warrant.

Older drugs such as AZT can kill HIV but mutant forms that are resistant survive and multiply rapidly. Dr Charles Farthing, medical director of the Aids Healthcare Foundation in Los Angeles, said two drugs at once had better effects, and with three "the virus drops down and then, instead of coming back it drops down further and further".

He added: "If you hit it hard with multiple drugs, you can drive it down until it is not reproducing and then it cannot become resistant."





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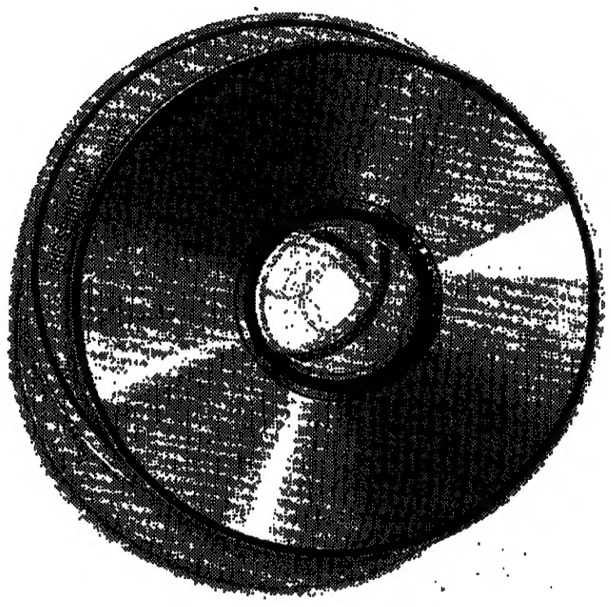

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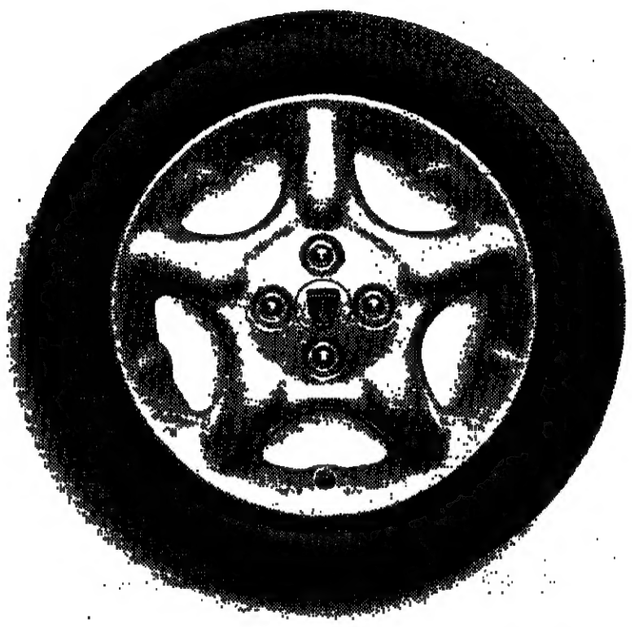

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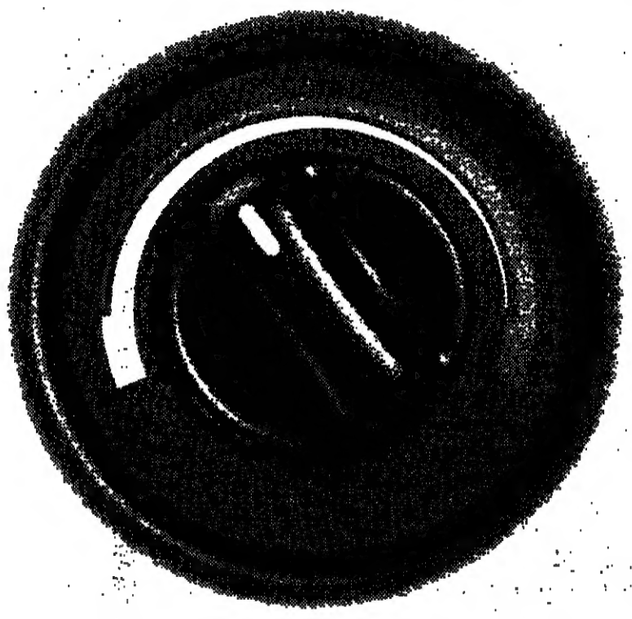

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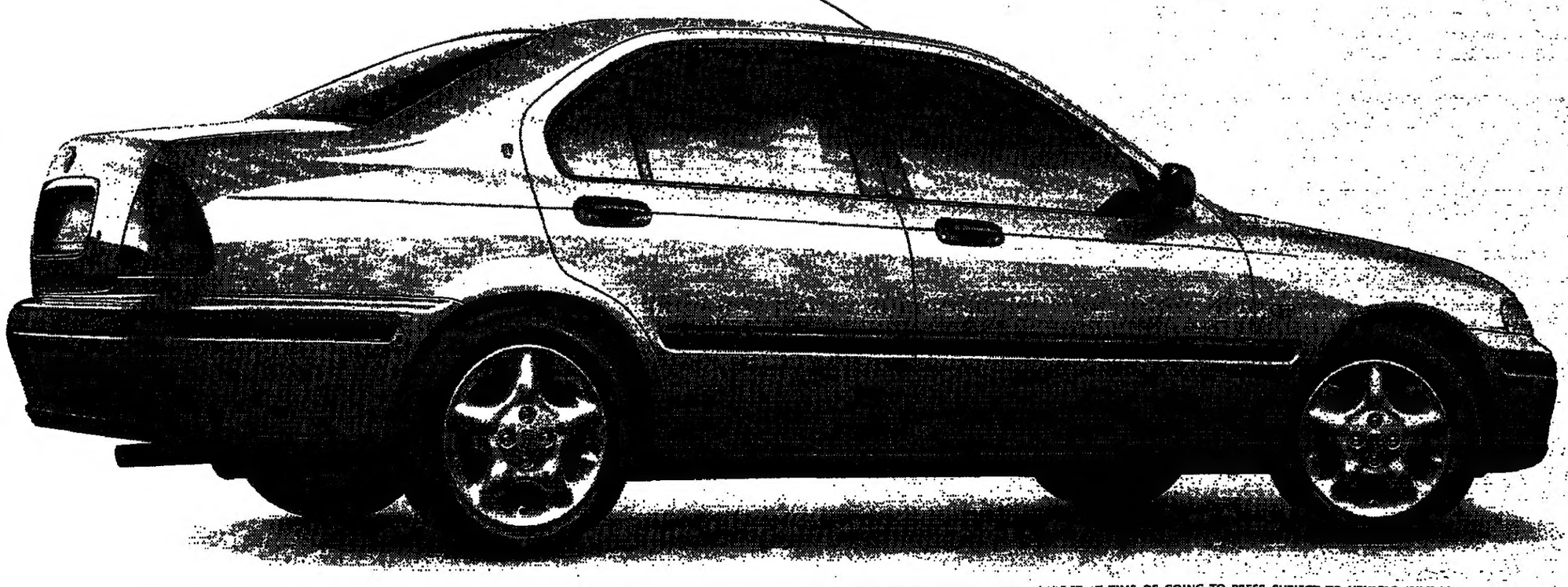

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Sale of archive that reveals the passion of writer's affair with the muse of Dr Zhivago

Lyrical letters shed light on Pasternak's love for his Lara

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

LYRICAL letters written by Boris Pasternak to the woman who inspired his *Doctor Zhivago* are among an important archive which is to be sold later this month for an estimated £500,000.

Pasternak once wrote of Olga Ivinskaia: "She is the Lara [Zhivago's lover] in my book." The archive, which remained with her after his death, is described as the largest and most important Pasternak collection to come to auction.

They offer an insight into the private and professional life of one of Russia's most revered literary figures. His affair with Olga began in 1946 and continued until his death in 1960: he consulted her on everything, "literary and otherwise", said Christie's, which is selling the archive.

As well as important literary manuscripts, including original drafts for his last poetic cycle *When the Skies Clear*, and autobiographical notes on the period of terror during the Russian Revolution, there are 22 letters to Olga. Christie's said: "All are written in Pasternak's distinctive flowing hand and, although it is virtually impossible to translate the terms of endearment into English, the heartfelt and deeply lyrical nature of the letters is very moving." Pasternak scholars have long seen this archive as vital reference material.

Julie Christie and Omar Sharif in the 1965 film of *Dr Zhivago*. The book caused a scandal in Russia

Olga, who died only last year, held the material until her arrest three months after Pasternak's death. It was then confiscated, although part was returned. She was forced to sell some of the items, to the Museum of Literature in Tbilisi, but kept the papers that she regarded as her most precious and personal. One letter, expected to fetch about £30,000, was written some weeks before his death, aged 70, in 1960 from heart failure. In it he implores Olga not to worry but to be patient for the day when he is well again. He ends with the words: "I hug you closely and beg you to calm down."

The story of Dr Zhivago — a novel of the Russian Revolution filmed in 1965 with Omar Sharif and Julie Christie — parallels the love story of Pasternak and Olga, including the persecution that followed the publication of the novel. The author was awarded the Nobel prize for literature in 1958 but was forced by the Soviet regime to decline it. At the height of the scandal he writes, in a letter now expected to fetch £15,000, "I clearly understood for the first time that by involving you in all these terrible affairs I am casting a large shadow on you and putting you in awful danger. It's unmanly and contemptible. I love you and embrace you strongly. Forgive me."

LIBRAIRIE ARTHIME FAYARD

Boris Pasternak and Olga Ivinskaia: he consulted her on everything

Fortune in a bottle turns up at seaside

By John Shaw

AN ELDERLY woman was overwhelmed when *The Antiques Roadshow* examined a 6½ in decorative bottle from her seaside home.

It was first valued at a pleasant £200 as just an ornament by one expert, David Battie. Then Paul Atterbury, a specialist in the decorative arts, had a look and gave his price: about £30,000.

Yesterday the woman from Skegness, Lincolnshire, was considering police advice on home security as Mr Atterbury explained: "The bottle is by William Burges, one of the most important Victorian designers. Skegness was the last place one would have expected to see such a piece."

The Victoria and Albert Museum has photographs of Burges's Kensington home showing the Batavian bottle, with a silver spider's web pattern and enamel, pearl and moonstone details. An inscription on the base gives his name and the date 1868. The owner knew only that her father bought it in the 1950s.

Soldier's diary recalls slaughter of the Dervishes

By Alan Hamilton

A FIRSTHAND account of Lord Kitchener's defeat of the Dervishes at the Battle of Omdurman in 1898 has surfaced after lying unseen for almost a century. It is expected to fetch £3,000 at auction in London later this month.

Lieutenant Alfred Edward Hubbard of the 10th Lincolnshire Regiment kept a diary of the Sudan campaign in a green notebook, right up to the final battle which avenged the death of General Gordon at Khartoum in 1885.

Hubbard's pencilled account, written for his wife, Mabel, describes the moment at dawn when Kitchener's troops caught their first glimpse of the enemy. "Against the far range of hills, about three miles off, could be seen lines of high banners; it looked as if the entire world was coming on against us."

Hubbard estimated the advancing front to be more than three miles wide. "As they came on there was a murmur like the sound of the sea which was, I presume, their battle cry. When the Dervishes got to within about 1,800 yards of our line, the first gun on our side spoke. We could hear the heavy shell cleaving its way through the air — then came a puff of white smoke above the enemy's heads as the shell burst in air and let loose its bullets among them. It is difficult to describe the next half hour — we could see men advancing from everywhere ... The ground began to get dotted with white-clad corpses."

The Dervish riflemen began to fire before they were within range, "but soon, as they crept up, the well-remembered sounds began — the faint whistle of bullets. Two or three men of my regiment were quickly down."

Hubbard had no doubt about the bravery of his enemy. "A small body (about 200 men) of horsemen with desperate gallantry endeavoured to charge the whole British brigade. It was a splendid sight and we all rather hoped that some would reach our bayonets, but they simply withered under the terrible fire of our rifles. I don't believe six of the whole lot got back again."

Hubbard, born in Benares, India, in 1862, retired with the rank of major in 1912. His diary passed to his daughter on his death in 1921 and is being offered for sale by his grandson.

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Blair confirms his party's support at cost of £500,000

By Jill Sherman, Chief Political Correspondent

TONY BLAIR won a convincing mandate for Labour's draft manifesto yesterday when party members endorsed the programme by a majority of 19 to one.

Frantic efforts over the past two weeks, including a telephone polling campaign, produced a much higher participation than expected, with 230,402 members, or 61 per cent of the party, voting. But some MPs criticised the leadership for spending £500,000 on the operation, including £250,000 on the ballot. They were privately angry about attempts to increase the turnout by setting up a freephone voting line costing £30,000.

The 61 per cent compares with 69 per cent in the Labour leadership poll when Mr Blair was elected, and 40 per cent for the Clause Four vote last year. The ballot of party members showed that 95 per cent of participants supported the draft manifesto, *New Labour New Life for Britain*, with 5 per cent against.

The turnout was lower in the trade union section, where only one quarter of levy paying members voted, but they still backed the programme by 92.2 per cent to 7.8 per cent. Balloting among trade unions was optional and not all unions took part.

Mr Blair, announcing the findings at Labour's Millbank Tower media centre in London yesterday, said that the result showed "head and body marching together in step". The high turnout indicated widespead endorsement for new Labour policy and party infighting should now halt. "I think it puts all the questions and all the arguments behind us," he said. "This is the party's covenant to the people. It is our mandate to stand as new Labour and govern as new Labour. What the people see is what they will get."

The document will form the basis for Labour's election manifesto but it contains no details on tax or spending. The main proposals include:

☐ Cutting class sizes to 30 or under for five to seven-year-olds;

☐ Fast-track punishment for persistent young offenders;

☐ Cutting NHS waiting lists by treating an extra 100,000 patients;

☐ Getting 250,000 under 25-year-olds off benefit and into work;

☐ Setting tough rules for government spending and borrowing.

Mr Blair also added fresh pledges including an end to waiting for surgery for those with cancer; a ban on all handguns and a ban on combat knives; reduced VAT on heating and a 10p tax starting rate. But more controversial issues, such as scrapping child benefit for the under-16s, were not detailed in the document.

Blair: the people will get what they see

Mr Blair promised that he would do all he could to bring forward a general election. Asked if he would force a vote of no confidence, he said: "I don't know if we can push them out before they jump. But if we possibly can, we will. In respect of parliamentary tactics we will pursue any tactics that are responsible."

Pressed later over his position on abortion he said that no sensible person was "in favour" of abortion. "The question is whether the criminal law is right to be the instrument that determines the decision of a woman in what can often be extremely painful and agonising circumstances. I support the present position in the law and always have. I think that is the sensible position to have."

Mr Blair, in an interview with BBC Radio 4's *World at One*, also insisted that there were no plans to raise the top rate of tax, pointing out that under the Tories many groups such as nursing sisters and teachers had been brought into the top rate of tax. But he reiterated Labour's position that it would wait until after the Budget before detailing its tax plans.

SIMON WALKER

The result pleased Labour candidates, from left, Megan Harris, Candy Atherton, Shona McIsaac, Barbara Follett, Margaret Moran and Jessica Stevens

Caution may become a cause for regret

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Tony Blair has his mandate, but it may not be worth as much in the long term as he claimed yesterday. The decision to produce a mini-manifesto and put it to the vote in a membership ballot was a shrewd exercise in party management. But the four-month debate over *New Labour, New Life for Britain* never caught fire and the ballot was an anti-climax because Mr Blair played safe.

The strategy was simple — to demonstrate that the party as a whole, as well as the leadership, has changed to become "new" Labour and to commit the party to Mr Blair's strategy before the election. What has become known as "getting your betrayal in first" is intended to avoid the problems that bedevilled the Wilson and Callaghan governments when activists accused the leadership of breaking election pledges.

Mr Blair's belief that ordinary party members share his "new" Labour approach has been vindicated by the overwhelmining support for the new Clause Four and, now, with the approval of the mini-manifesto by a 19 to 1 margin among individual members and by almost as much among trade union members. The turnout was respectable rather than spectacular at 61 per cent, and was only that high thanks to a late phone blitz. Mr Blair has made his point, that the party's "head and body were together marching in step", if he becomes Prime Minister, he now has a defence against left-wing critics.

His line yesterday was "what the people see is what they will get". Up to a point, Mr Blair. The mini-manifesto shows that Labour has plenty of policies, though most are qualified. It epitomises Gordon Brown's determination to avoid anything that could be interpeted as a spending commitment. It is a sober discussion of the low-cost activism — the state as partner and regulator — now fashionable on the Centre-Left on both sides of the Atlantic. Bill Clinton and Mr Blair echo each other in wanting to strengthen families and produce a workforce for the 21st century while not worrying financial markets. The problem is reconciling the desire to reassure with the promise of change.

These inner contradictions are summed up by the "early pledges" — cutting class sizes for five to seven-year-olds, fast-track punishment for young offenders, treating an extra 100,000 NHS patients and getting 250,000 under-25-year-olds off benefit. Many of these aims are desirable, even though the financing methods are open to question. But the key pledge is the fifth one — to set strict rules for spending and borrowing. This limits the scope for government action. Mr Brown argues that departments should find savings within existing budgets before seeking extra money. That seems sensible but it skates over the real spending pressures. For instance, Labour's early pledge on the NHS looks trivial by comparison with Stephen Dorrell's tussle with the Treasury over increasing the health budget by £1 billion. Labour is not even promising to match any increases agreed by the Cabinet today, though it will probably do so.

The document dodges tricky areas such as the single currency, public-sector pay and workfare. No clues are given about how Labour would achieve its aim of spending more of the budget on education than on welfare. The reluctance of Labour strategists to take risks with voters, as opposed to the Labour Party, has reduced the long-term value of the mini-manifesto and of the ballot. Apart from constitutional reform, Mr Blair has won a mandate for gradualism, not radicalism. Given his commanding position in the party, he could have been bolder. He may look back on the ballot as partly a wasted opportunity.

Peter Riddell

Goldsmith condemns the EU as a 'black hole of despair'

By James Landale, Political Reporter

SIR JAMES GOLDSMITH launched another attack on the European Union yesterday and said that a vote for his Referendum Party would help to bring back power from Brussels.

His stringent criticism of the EU effectively confirmed that the party is concerned with more than just securing a referendum on Britain's future in Europe. Speaking on an hour-long phone-in programme on Talk Radio, Sir James condemned the "unelected supercilious bureaucrats" of Europe, who he said wanted to deprive Britain and other nation states of their sovereignty and create a single European nation.

"If you look within the European Union at the moment it is a black hole of despair. I have never seen anything as bad as today. It is not only anger and fury but despair as well.

"If our Parliament can no longer run the economy for the benefit of its own people, can no longer control foreign policies, then what the hell are they doing there? They are getting privilege without responsibility and are just delegates of Brussels. A vote for the Referendum Party will bring back power from Brussels. A vote for the other parties is a vote for Brussels, full stop."

He said that his party was ready to fight the election at any time. "We are getting all our work in place. Every day is precious to us. I would like the general election to be in May. But if it is tomorrow we will be ready."

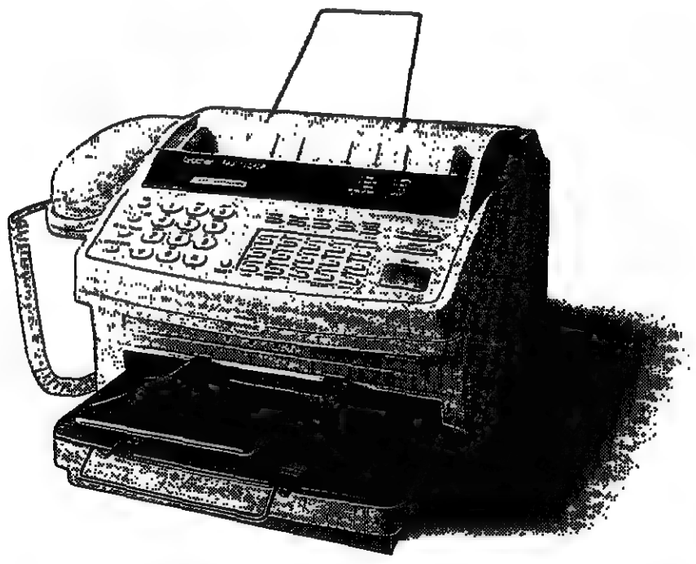
He repeated his pledge that the Referendum Party would dissolve once a fair vote on "who governs Britain" was offered to the British people. But he did not specify what the referendum question would be.

He emphasised that his family charitable foundation would sign a cheque for £20 million if it proved necessary. The cost so far of his enterprise, he said, was £1.5 million.

"My fear about Europe is that I do not believe you can merge 25 independent nations into one new nation run by unelected bureaucrats without any political control. The idea that we should be run as one country by unelected bureaucrats and basically be run by Germany by virtue of its very size is unacceptable and will not work."

Sir James insisted that his party did not want power. "We shall dissolve our party as soon as a fair referendum on this issue has been offered to our people." He said that the party had appointed 250 prospective parliamentary candidates and had nearly 70,000 people working for it.

Goldsmith: radio guest



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Israeli alert after warnings of attack by Islamic Jihad

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

SYRIA and Iran have been warned by Israel they will be "held responsible" if a feared mass terror attack is staged by the Islamic Jihad. The scare resulted in the Jewish state being placed on an unprecedented alert, with roadblocks clogging traffic and heavily-armed security forces being rushed to patrol crowded civilian areas.

Israeli security sources said that the warnings had been passed via the Governments of the United States and Germany after the receipt of intelligence information that an Islamic Jihad squad had penetrated the country. The squad had orders to mount a spectacular attack to mark the first anniversary of the assassination of its leader.

Although Israel has never claimed the killing of Damascus-based Fathi Shqaqi while travelling in disguise between Libya and Syria via Malta, diplomats have no doubt that he was shot dead by agents working for Mossad on October 26 last year.

Avigdor Kahalani, the Internal Security Minister, confirmed last night that the warning messages have been sent to those regarded as sponsors of Islamic Jihad, one of the groups responsible for suicide bombs earlier this year which killed more than 60 people.

There was diplomatic speculation that if the widely-feared attack is not averted, Israel will take direct retaliation against Syrian or Iranian targets. Such is the uncommonly detailed nature of the information which Israel has received that the American Embassy issued a warning to all its citizens in Israel to beware "of the increased likelihood" of terrorist attacks.

"The warnings are extremely specific and we cannot ignore the danger," said David Bar-Illan, communications director in the office of Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister. He was speaking in an atmosphere of near panic for many Israelis as buses travelled with only a few passengers, shopping streets were deserted and traffic stretched for miles at roadblocks. On Sunday the hour-long drive between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv was taking up to four hours.

"If it saves one child's life, the country can endure traffic jams for a few days," Mr Netanyahu told Cabinet ministers. "The safety of people's lives has priority over the quality of life and I am sure citizens can understand this."

Describing the mass search procedures, more extensive than anything seen even at the height of the suicide bombs last spring, a senior security official said: "This is all being done in an intense effort to catch the terror cell."

The official added: "It is clear to us that there is a group of terrorists that has entered the area. We have no doubt that its intention is to perpetrate a large terrorist attack, whether it is in a shopping mall, a bus or another crowded place. We are not taking any chances." He said that it was advisable to stay away from crowded places "for the next ten days".

The extent of the operation has affected the economy, according to the Israel Industrialists' Association. "The increasing jitters are causing serious and significant damage," Yehoshua Abramovitch, its spokesman, said. Haim Ramon, a leading member of the main opposition Labour Party — defeated in the May election largely because of a backlash against Islamic suicide attacks — accused Mr Netanyahu's right-wing Government of "causing general paralysis and putting the entire population into unnecessary hysterics and panic".

A senior member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, Hisham Abed Razek, alleged that the sweeping precautions had been introduced to enable the Government to introduce even tougher measures on Palestinians, already living under a closure that has kept most from jobs inside Israel.

"Pictures from Israel depict a country living in a bunker, as if in the midst of war," he said. "This is done to prepare the ground for further [Israeli] extremism."

AFP

Hadi Shenuda, 14, whose family were among more than 60 killed when a Cairo apartment building collapsed last week, is comforted by the city's Governor. The boy appealed on Egyptian television to relatives across the world to claim him

Taleban rejects warlord's offer of peace talks

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN KABUL

THE Taleban Islamic army rejected yesterday an "insulting" offer of peace talks made by General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the Uzbek warlord who leads a military alliance that controls northern Afghanistan. That seems to guarantee a winter war.

Mullah Muhammad Mutaqi, the Information and Culture Minister for Taleban, said that the terms for a ceasefire, which sounded more like a call for surrender, must include a prior agreement that negotiations would lead to agreement on the establishment of an Islamic state. He made clear that that would be based on Taleban's interpretation of Sharia, or Islamic law.

General Dostum's secular principles are anathema to Taleban and even Mullah Mutaqi, never one to hold back an insult, heaped an uncommon amount of invective on the Uzbek leader yesterday. There is plainly no prospect of a meeting point.

General Dostum is hated not merely because he is a former Communist; there is also his fondness for Johnnie Walker Blue Label, or Russian vodka on occasion, his ostentatious use of an armoured Cadillac and his apparently growing attachment to the grandiose title of *Pasha*, which some sycophants bestow upon him. Mullah Mutaqi calls him a bad man.

There appears to be stalemate in the battleground north of Kabul, where the general has commited many troops to serve alongside General Ahmed Shah Masood, military chief of the former Government. The war is moving to the west, where the airport in the ancient city of Herat came under air attack from General Dostum's forces yesterday. Taleban said his bombers did no damage.

Mullah Mutaqi listed Taleban's enemies yesterday as Russia, India and Iran. He confirmed that a senior Taleban representative had gone to Saudi Arabia "to talk to Saudi authorities". That is believed to be a mission in search of money.

Young Israelis keep a day-long vigil in Tel Aviv yesterday for Yitzhak Rabin on the anniversary of his death a year ago, an event that dramatically slowed the peace process

Rifkind 'flies kite' for Middle East security grouping

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN ABU DHABI

A DAY after a hectic visit to the flashpoints of the Arab-Israeli conflict, Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, called yesterday for a new regional security organisation in the Middle East to promote stability and dialogue, much as the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe did during the Cold War.

He said that the proposed Organisation for Co-operation in the Middle East would be an overall structure, comprehensive in membership, that would include all the Arab states as well as Turkey, Israel and eventually Iran and Iraq — although he said the last two would not be admitted with their present governments and policies. Britain, America and France, as countries with big political and economic stakes in the region, would also join, as perhaps would Russia and the European Union.

Launching his proposal in a speech in Abu Dhabi to businessmen and academics, Mr Rifkind said that the new grouping would not be an alliance or military bloc. Nor could it be in any way a substitute for the essential work of the Middle East peace process. It was not intended to detract from other regional groupings, such as the Arab League and the Gulf Co-operation Council.

"Since the purpose would be to improve co-operation and thereby to promote reconciliation, it would not make much sense to be too rigid," he said. "I could see such an organisation playing a role in conflict resolution and confidence building, in fighting the causes of terrorism, as well as in building the sort of economic and political networks that prevent conflict and reduce the risks of terrorism."

British officials made clear that Mr Rifkind is flying a kite rather than prescribing a copy of the CSCE transferred to the Middle East. They agreed that the present tensions might make states unwilling to sit down together, especially Syria and some other Arab countries with Israel, and the Gulf states with Iran. But they said the idea had the warm support of the Americans and several other Western states, as well as the backing of Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan.

The new body could begin with a grand conference, much as CSCE did; Mr Rifkind said yesterday it should "evolve, rather than spring fully fledged into existence".

He was at pains to tell his Gulf audience, largely hostile to the recent American bombing of Iraq, that Britain supported the territorial integrity of Iraq and would help to end Baghdad's isolation and repair its economy as soon as there was a new government which fairly represented all Iraq's people and fully observed human rights.

☐ Jerusalem: Dennis Ross, the US Middle East envoy, will return to the region tomorrow to help in settling a deal between the Israelis and Palestinians on Israel's long-delayed troop withdrawal from Hebron, Israel army radio said yesterday. *(AFP)*

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RUSSELL is the hometown where Bob Dole has always returned to cry, the small hamlet on the Kansas plains where he launched every political race of his career and the shrine he will visit for just half an hour today to vote.

Surrounded by family and friends, the Republican candidate will enter the First Christian Church on 14th Street and cast his ballot for the American presidency before returning to Washington.

There is nobody in Russell who does not know him as plain Bob, whose cousin is not a distant relative or who has not done business with the Dole family at one time or another.

Breakfast at Meridy's, the most conspicuous diner, offers an extraordinary glimpse of a cult that has pervaded the collective psyche here. Sterling Smith, who runs a "mom and pop" tyre store once sold his wares to Doran Dole, the candidate's father. Frank Kennedy, a lorry driver, is married to a second cousin. Larry Langhofer rented the Dole house at one time and his wife still owns the desk on which Bob Dole carved his initials at grade school.

At the same table is Jerry Ross, a pallbearer at the funeral of Mr Dole's mother, Bina. His sister is married to a Dole nephew. Next door, sipping tea and eating toast, is Glenna Paschal, a second cousin. They can recount in loving detail the story of how Russell raised $1,800 (£1,100)

in a cigar box for an operation that saved his life after terrible wounds in Italy during the Second World War. And, although none was alive at the time, they will talk of the days when he was the poor basketball hero at the local high school, a salesmen at Dawson's soda fountain and helped at his father's egg and cream station.

At the same time each has an entirely personal anecdote about the family. The time, for example, when Mr Ross was paid $300 by Doran Dole to drive his wife to a campaign address by their son in Kansas and she paid for the entire trip herself.

"This is small town America," said Mr Smith. "You know your neighbour and you don't lock your doors. You leave your gun in the back of the pick-up. There are people here who have been supporting Bob Dole for 50 years. That's never going to change."

It is exactly the "better" America that Bob Dole has mentioned so often in his campaign speeches. And his resistance to change is something that those in Russell so easily understand. Change, born of the forces of nature and history, was something to protect against. The dust bowl in the 1930s turned Russell's oil boom to powder; the war injured him for ever.

His proudest moments have always been spent in this town. Gerald Ford came to the plains to announce Mr Dole as his vice-presidential candidate in 1976. Today, however, after a marathon 96-hour campaign, he will spend probably less time here that he had done in Independence, Missouri, President Truman's native town and Mr Dole's previous stop.

This time the omens are not good; the local cinema is playing the *Long Kiss Goodnight* and even his sisters, Gloria Nelson and Norma Steele, were reluctant yesterday to offer their opinion on his chances, although Ms Nelson had said last week she was not convinced Mr Dole would win the election.

Observers have maintained that Bob Dole, the ultimate Washington insider for 35 years, has used Russell as a convenient career prop to project an image of honesty, respect and integrity. Yet while nobody expects him to retire in Russell should he lose tomorrow, the bunting will be out, the dolls for Dole will dance for him and the tradition will continue. Russell is at ease with its place in Bob Dole's heart.

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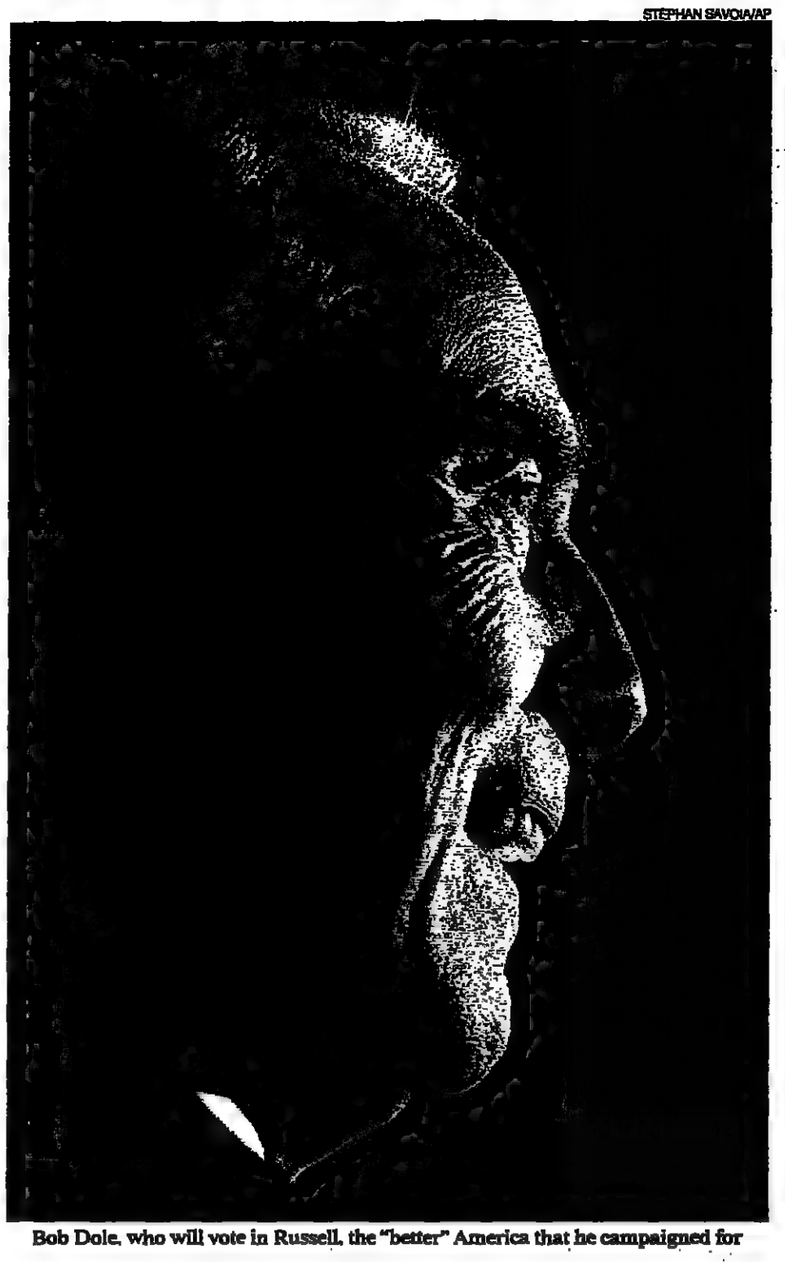

Bob Dole, who will vote in Russell, the "better" America that he campaigned for

Bright future for star turn of the Republican show

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

ALONE among the high-profile members of Bob Dole's entourage, his wife, Elizabeth, will still have a bright future after the expected failure of his bid for the White House today.

She can walk away from the campaign knowing that she transformed the role of contenders for First Lady, and enhanced her own chances for a political future.

Although loyal to her husband, she was manifestly better prepared than he was, and was able to mask the reputation for hard-hearted ambition that earned her the nickname "Steel Magnolia".

Mrs Dole, 60, not only expounded her husband's programme more succinctly than he did and without the aid of a Teleprompter, but she also went after President Clinton in a manner unprecedented for a candidate's wife.

During her solo campaign appearances, she needled the President over his policy wobbles by displaying a doll-sized rocking chair. "This is a Clinton rocker," she said. "It doesn't rock from front to back, but from left to right."

With her finely tailored suits and ever-present smile, Mrs Dole perfected her technique of sauntering through the audience with a microphone in the style of Oprah Winfrey, the talk-show host.

It looked spontaneous, but towards the end she was performing the routine three times a day, making eye contact, squeezing shoulders, patting backs — and barely changing a word.

She was a good sport, too, prepared to poke fun at herself. In a skit that was wildly out of character, she donned a Hell's Angels leather jacket emblazoned with the words "Bikers for Bob" and zoomed around the stage of NBC's *Tonight* show as pillion passenger for the host, Jay Leno. "Yeah, rev it baby, let's get out of here," she said. "I'm a biker from way back. I've come a long way from Harvard Law School to biker chick."

In fact, she was a very properly brought up Southern belle and extremely bright. After college she worked for the Nixon Administration in the White House and has been absorbed by politics ever since. She has a longer résumé than any other leading Republican woman, having held a place on the Federal Trade Commission and two Cabinet posts, Secretary of Transport and Secretary of Labour. She has been married to Mr Dole for 21 years.

As they embarked on their final marathon quest for votes, she expressed disappointment with feminism. She said women of her generation were told they could do everything, but she no longer believed they could have a career, marriage, family, contribute to the community and still find time for "ourselves and our souls".

It is ironic that Mrs Dole's popularity has failed to pump up her husband's figures, while Hillary Clinton's unpopularity has not affected her husband's lead.

Washington wonders if one day Mrs Dole will think of running for President herself, or for Vice-President or the Senate. She would certainly be qualified to try.

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Stars forego free publicity in protest against video stalkers

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

HOLLYWOOD stars have taken the equivalent of industrial action against video camera stalkers and a dirt-dishing American television show. They are so angry they are even foregoing free publicity to make their complaint.

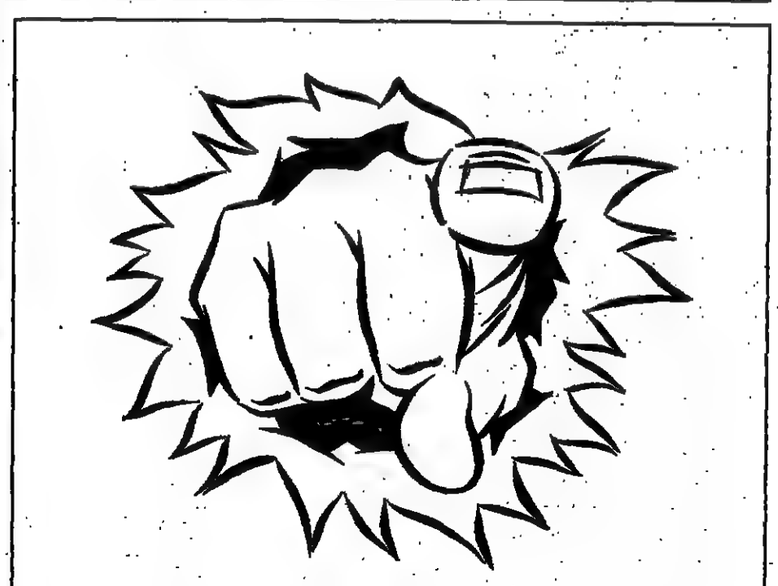
The protest against *Hard Copy*, a prime time "tabloid" television show made by Paramount Television, is being led by George Clooney, an actor. He started the campaign after the show broadcast footage of him in private with his girlfriend, Celine Balidran. Mr Clooney, who stars in *ER*, a hospital serial, said the video film was intrusive.

Paramount also makes a publicity-puff show, *Entertainment Tonight* — the television equivalent of *Hello* magazine. Mr Clooney and a number of influential friends have refused to have anything more to do with the highly popular *Entertainment Tonight* until *Hard Copy* puts its house in order.

The show specialises in seedy fare. It is a major outlet for the video-camera-wielding stalkers — known as "stalkerazzi" — who have multiplied in the past two years and now hover outside the homes of Hollywood stars in the hope of recording some saleable moment.

Mr Clooney's "all-out" call has been supported by Whoopi Goldberg, Rosie O'Donnell, Dean Cain, the *Superman* actor, and a host of other actors whose lives have been made a misery by the cameramen. Anti-stalkerazzi swipes have also been taken by Madonna, Alec Baldwin and Tommy Lee.

Paramount has declined to comment, but it is thought to be distinctly queasy about the bad publicity. Their freelance photographers' activities have coincided with increased censure of stalkers, but American press laws set special conditions for those considered to be "public figures".



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BT and MCI advisers expected to earn $60m

By Eric Reguly

ADVISERS to BT and MCI are expected to earn a minimum of $60 million if Britain's biggest-ever takeover goes ahead, it emerged yesterday.

The fees have not been set yet, partly because the advisory work on the deal, which may not receive regulatory approval in Europe and the US for a year, is still in progress. The New York and London offices of Rothschild, BT's main adviser, is expected to collect the largest portion of the fees. BT also used Morgan Stanley, while MCI hired Lazards.

The figure is based on the amount paid to the advisers of Nynex and Bell Atlantic, the regional phone companies in the US that are coming together to create the world's sixth-largest phone group. Concert, the name of the company formed by the BT-MCI merger, will be considerably bigger and is likely to generate higher fees.

BT shares soared yesterday as the City had its first chance to assess the takeover terms and BT's promise to pay a 35p a share special dividend as part of its effort to take full control of MCI for about $20 billion. BT shares finished at 373p, up 22p, on volume of 82 million shares, making it the Stock Exchange's most heavily traded issue. Analysts said the outlook for the shares was positive. SBC Warburg expects the price to rise to 430p, while ABN Ambro Hoare Govett is calling for 400p, as shareholders grasp the potential advantages of entering the world's largest telecoms market.

The price rise was partly attributed to the promise of a special dividend for the year to March 31, 1997, even if the merger collapses. It will be paid in addition to a final dividend of 19.85p, a rise of 6.1 per cent on the previous year. The City had expected a rise of 4 per cent to 5 per cent. BT also said Concert would look favourably on share buybacks.

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Analysts said they expected Concert to move quickly to form a partnership or alliance with a large Asian telecoms company, such as NTT of Japan. With Europe and America covered, Asia is the biggest gap in Concert's portfolio.

MCI said attacking the local market would be Concert's priority in the US. The 1996 Telecommunications Act allows long-distance and local companies to compete in each other's markets.

The focus on the local market has put MCI's relationship with The News Corporation, the owner of *The Times*, in question. MCI invested $1.35 billion for a 10 per cent stake in News Corp, and intended to spend a further $650 million to raise its stake to 13 per cent or so. Bert Roberts, the MCI chairman, said that MCI was now in the process of "redefining" its relationship with News Corp, and sources close to the deal said it was highly unlikely that MCI would raise its News Corp investment beyond the present level. News Corp, which is developing a digital broadcasting system with MCI in the US for residential and business customers, declined to comment.

Sir Peter Bonfield, the BT chief executive who is to become chief executive of Concert, said he expected Concert to receive regulatory approval in the US. But AT&T, Concert's main rival, said approval is not certain. AT&T noted that the US Government might not approve the deal unless it can determine that the UK telecoms market is as open as the American market.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	3928.1	(-20.4)
Yield	3.83%	
FTSE All share	1938.07	(-8.48)
Nikkei	Closed	
New York:		
Dow Jones	6031.99	(+10.06)*
S&P Composite	705.30	(+1.53)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¼%*	(5¼%)
Long Bond	101 1/32*	(100 29/32)
Yield	6.67%*	(6.68%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6 7/32%	(6 5/32%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	108 7/16	(108 21/32)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6437*	(1.6365)
London:		
$	1.6459	(1.6376)
DM	2.4919	(2.4833)
FFr	8.4294	(8.3892)
SFr	2.0903	(2.0822)
Yen	187.40	(186.01)
£ Index	91.2	(90.9)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5148*	(1.5140)
FFr	5.1258*	(5.1185)
SFr	1.2722*	(1.2695)
Yen	113.95*	(113.40)
$ Index	97.0	(97.0)

Tokyo close Yen 113.87

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jan)	$22.15	($22.20)

GOLD

London close	$378.95	($377.65)

* denotes midday trading price

Rise in house prices tops 7%

By Marianne Curphey

THE recovery in the housing market is gathering pace, the Halifax says today, with prices rising at their fastest rate for more than 30 months.

The building society, Britain's biggest lender with 2.5 million borrowers, says house prices in October rose by 1.6 per cent, an unexpectedly large jump after modest increases in previous months.

It was the largest monthly rise since February 1994, when prices increased by 1.8 per cent. The annual change was 7.1 per cent. The rise prompted Halifax to increase its forecast for the whole year from 5 per cent to 7 per cent.

The Halifax monthly survey contradicts the assertion of Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, that he could detect no signs of a housing boom and raises the prospect of an acceleration in consumer demand before the general election.

Gary Marsh, of the Halifax, said a similar rise was expected for 1997. Last week's quarter-point rise in the base rate to 6 per cent would not affect house sales, he said. "Mortgage rates have not moved and are not likely to move," he said, adding: "The trend is upwards and we are hoping for a gradual sustained recovery."

However, Rob Thomas, building societies analyst with the Swiss bank UBS, predicted house price inflation would reach 10 per cent by the year end. "The market is incredibly strong," he said. "More people are looking to buy and demand is outstripping supply. Homes are historically at their most affordable. The cost of a house is three times average earnings, compared with the situation at the top of the market in 1989 when the figure was five times earnings."

Rises had been particularly strong in London and the South East, he said, regions that had suffered badly from negative equity. But house prices would have to rise 32 per cent to wipe out negative equity there. He said autumn and spring were traditionally the busiest times for house buying.

Mr Marsh said: "Although such a strong monthly rise is unlikely to be repeated over the next two to three months, house price inflation is now likely to end the year in excess of our forecast of 5 per cent, probably around 7 per cent."

Prices paid by first-time buyers rose in October by 1.1 per cent, taking the annual rate of inflation from 4.8 per cent reported in the previous month to 7.1 per cent. The average price paid by first-time buyers in October was £47,963. But prices of new houses fell 0.8 per cent.

Although recent figures show the average price of a home in London has moved above £100,000, the Chancellor said at the beginning of October that he could detect no signs of a boom. "The level of transactions in the housing market remain subdued and the overhang of unsold properties in the market has not been cleared," the minutes of his meeting with Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England recorded.

However, another government department was far more bullish about prospects for house sales yesterday.

The Environment Department said 16,700 new houses were started in September, compared with 15,400 a year earlier. In the latest three months, 47,100 houses were started, an increase of 13 per cent on a year ago.

James Clappison, Environment minister, said this was "encouraging confirmation" of the improvement in the market. "Prospects of improved growth in real incomes and low mortgage rates should help to improve consumer confidence and support a broad recovery in the housing market over the next 12-18 months," he said.

The Halifax index shows prices of new houses fell after a rise of 0.3 per cent. The average price of a new house was £69,051 against £65,099 for second-hand houses.

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TONY WHITE

Charles Brady, left, will be chairman and chief executive of the new group, while Charles "Ted" Bauer will be locked in for at least four years

Invesco's US deal doubles funds under management

By Robert Miller

INVESCO has nearly doubled the funds under its management after an agreement to buy a US mutual fund manager in a £1 billion deal.

Invesco, the London-listed international fund manager that looks after £58 billion, announced yesterday that it has bought AIM Management Group, the fast-growing US mutual company, which has £35 billion under management and is America's thirteenth largest.

The money to pay for the AIM acquisition, which will see the newly enlarged group renamed Amvesco, will come largely from the issue to AIM shareholders of 290 million new ordinary Invesco shares, at an approximate value of £690 million. The balance will be raised from new debt and from the proceeds of a one-for-five rights issue.

The AIM deal leaves the newly enlarged group poised to make further acquisitions with the £700 million of cash it has on its books. Last year Invesco bought the Far East arm of Aetna, the US insurer, also for £1 billion, and further deals are likely.

In personal terms the main beneficiaries of yesterday's acquistion are the four AIM founders, headed by Charles "Ted" Bauer. The four, who founded the US group almost 20 years ago, have been locked in, with bonuses, for an initial four years.

Invesco, which manages some £7.3 billion in the UK and has ten investment trusts and 22 unit trusts, has made no secret of its ambition to become one of the world's largest fund managers. It has plans to open offices in all major European cities, and Robert McCullough, Invesco's chief financial officer, yesterday said Amvesco would be recruiting more people on the Continent as well as forming "strategic alliances".

Charles Brady, chairman of Invesco, who becomes chairman and chief executive of the new group, said: "Amvesco will be a major investment management company with the scale necessary for success as a financially strong and independent business, operating in an increasingly concentrated industry."

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Burford chief nets £5.1m in share sale

By Jason Nissé

NICK LESLAU, the only person who is chief executive of two UK quoted companies, yesterday made a £5.14 million profit from selling shares in one of them, Burford Group, the property concern. He promptly handed a big slice of the money to the taxman.

Mr Leslau, who is also chief executive of Trocadero, the AIM-listed owner of the Piccadilly Circus leisure complex of that name, was granted options over 4.8 million Burford shares five years ago. Then, the shares were languishing at 19p, and Mr Leslau's options were priced at 28.4p each.

Yesterday, Burford shares stood at 136½p, down ½p, and the company's stockbroker, Barclays de Zoete Wedd, was able to place Mr Leslau's stake with investors, giving him a £5.14 million profit.

Alas for Mr Leslau, who is 37, the tax authorities are taking up to £2 million of the proceeds.

Mr Leslau said: "I did not want to sell, but the scheme was not an Inland Revenue approved share option scheme, so when it crystallised the Revenue ruled that I had made the profit and claimed its share, so I had to find the money for the bill."

Mr Leslau, who was paid £390,000 in salary and bonus last year by Burford, retains 3.8 million Burford shares, valued last night at £5.2 million. He has other share options and interests in both Burford and Trocadero worth another £11 million.

ABF ready to make £1bn acquisition

Weston: in no hurry

By Sarah Cunningham

GARRY WESTON, chairman and chief executive of Associated British Foods, said that the cash-rich company, owner of British Sugar and Twinings Tea, may spend up to £1 billion on an acquisition.

"We are in a position to make a very major acquisition," Mr Weston said. ABF is looking to buy within the food industry but outside Europe, he said. "There is little growth in the food markets of Europe, the big opportunities are in the Far East and North America." He said packaged foods were not an area of interest, and cautioned that an acquisition might not happen for several months.

Analysts said Mr Weston's traditional unwillingness to pay for goodwill meant that ABF, in which Mr Weston and his family own a majority stake through charitable trusts, is unlikely to buy a quoted company. It is also thought possible that it will buy several companies for £100 million to £150 million each rather than make one large acquisition.

The company's cash pile grew £196 million to £797 million in the year to September 14, while shareholders' funds grew 9 per cent to £2.45 billion. Its pre-tax profit grew 15 per cent to £430 million, beating analysts' forecasts. This prompted some to increase their forecasts for the current year to about £440 million. The company spent £225 million on new assets, all outside the UK.

Operating profits at British Sugar fell slightly to £183 million. ABF blamed the strength of sterling and the cost of changes in the operating structure. Profits in the food manufacturing and processing operations in the UK grew 12 per cent to £282 million. Twinings and Burtons Biscuits achieved record levels of profitability.

Mr Weston, 69, who has been running ABF for three decades, has no intention of retiring yet: "When I feel I have nothing left to offer, I will take it seriously," he said. The company will pay a second interim dividend of 5.25p per share (4.5p). It is payable on March 3. It gives a dividend for the whole year of 9.5p, up 9 per cent. Earnings per share were up 12 per cent to 31p.

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JOHN CHARCOL

UK wins bridge contract

A BRITISH construction company has won a £100 million contract to build the world's fourth longest suspension bridge, over the Yangtze river in China.

The contract won by Kvaerner Cleveland Bridge is being aided by the Government with a £55 million loan to cover the full value of British goods and services through the Overseas Development Administration and the Export Credits Guarantee Department.

The contract will put the company, based in Darlington and part of the Kvaerner international construction and engineering group, in a prime position to win more work, and will help to secure the jobs of the 750 staff at the company's Darlington plant.

The bridge, to be built near the town of Jiangyin, will have a main span of 1,385 metres with two side spans of 336 and 309 metres. It will carry a three-lane dual carriageway over the Yangtze and allow ocean-going ships to pass below.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.17	2.01
Austria Sch	18.42	16.92
Belgium Fr	53.98	49.88
Canada $	2.291	2.131
Cyprus CypE	0.787	0.732
Denmark Kr	10.09	9.29
Finland Mkk	8.00	7.36
France Fr	8.77	8.12
Germany Dm	2.63	2.42
Greece Dr	405	380
Hong Kong $	13.29	12.29
Iceland	115	95
Ireland Pt	1.05	0.97
Israel Shk	5.63	4.98
Italy Lira	2696	2441
Japan Yen	199.50	183.50
Malta	0.625	0.570
Netherlds Gld	2.923	2.698
New Zealand $	2.46	2.24
Norway Kr	10.98	10.18
Portugal Esc	261.50	243.00
S Africa Rd	8.28	7.48
Spain Pta	216.00	202.00
Sweden Kr	11.41	10.61
Switzerland Fr	2.20	2.02
Turkey Lira	161500	153500
USA $	1.736	1.606

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ALAN WELLER

Bright outlook: John Beaumont, finance director, left, and George Metcalfe, chairman, reported record profits at Umeco yesterday. The specialist manufacturer and distributor of engineering products for the aviation industry lifted pre-tax profits to £1.03 million from £618,000 in the half-year to September 30. Earnings were 6.4p (3.81p) a share. The interim dividend is 1.80p (1.25p). Umeco said further substantial business was under negotiation.

Ministers prepare new push to help Britain's exporters

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

THE Government is to launch a new drive to promote British exports to try to revive their flagging contribution to the UK's economic recovery.

Michael Heseltine, Deputy Prime Minister, will this month set out new guidelines on how UK companies can improve their exporting.

His move is one of a range of government initiatives on exporting, including a forthcoming White Paper on trade, and new advice to British embassies on promoting UK business.

Ministers will use the range of initiatives to combat charges that in spite of the Government's focus on business and economic competitiveness, Britain does too little in comparison with competitor countries to support its successful companies.

The Government will launch a new report, *Export Winners*, which will set out in detail how some of Britain's top exporters win success abroad. Ministers hope that the move, modelled on the Government's initiative on innovation, will offer other UK companies examples to follow.

Mr Heseltine said: "Many companies need help in entering, and surviving in, the global market place before they can go on to win. The Government is therefore committed to helping all companies through our comprehensive package of export services."

Addressing the British Exporters Association, Mr Heseltine emphasised the success of British exporting — the UK exports more per head than Japan or the US — but said that even among companies that did export, "too many see it only as a sideline activity, to be pursued if and when specific opportunities arise".

The Department of Trade and Industry and the Foreign Office are joining forces in two new initiatives aimed at helping British business abroad.

They are to issue a White Paper on world trade before a World Trade Organisation ministerial meeting in Singapore next month. It will set out UK policies to promote trade and lay out government aims for the meeting, including a target of full free trade between all WTO nations by 2020.

A scheme called Open Menu will, from January, link export support offered by the DTI in Britain with that offered by the Foreign Office's embassies.

Money supply growth surges

MORE evidence of the consumer spending boom came yesterday from data showing M0, the narrow money supply measure, growing at its fastest since December 1988 (Alasdair Murray writes).

M0 rose 0.7 per cent in October taking the annual rise to 7.5 per cent — well above City expectations. But economists were divided on the effects on monetary policy after last week's rate rise with some suggesting the continued growth may lead the Bank of England to seek more rises next year. But the narrower notes and coins measure, which excludes the volatile effect of bankers' balances, grew 0.4 per cent while the annual rate fell to 7.4 per cent. housing starts rose 16 per cent in the three months to September 30 against the previous quarter.

A&L faces protest against float plans

By Caroline Merrell

A FORMER agent of the Alliance & Leicester Building Society is setting up an action group to protest at the way the society plans to distribute its shares in its proposed flotation.

Alliance & Leicester is aiming for a £2.8 billion float at the beginning of next year. It has decided to distribute 250 shares to each of its 2.4 million savers and borrowers, upsetting some customers who have large sums invested or have been with the society for many years. Patrick Mountain, a retired former Alliance & Leicester agent, has nearly £150,000 saved with the society.

He said: "After the announcement of the float I asked the society what I should do with my money. They told me I should leave it with the society to ensure I got the maximum payout. They also lowered the interest rate on the account I was in, and I was unable to move my savings. I would have made much more money by moving my money elswhere, I am out of pocket by thousands of pounds."

Mr Mountain said the decision to opt for a flat-rate shares allocation had left many people "absolutely hopping mad". The National & Provincial and the Cheltenham & Gloucester offered members payouts based on their balances.

Some analysts believe that the society has opted for the flat payout because it means that the society will be the first to the market.

The society said: "We believe our scheme is the fairest and most appropriate for the vast majority of our members. Over 70 per cent of our investors have account balances of less than £2,000."

Mr Mountain, 63, of Somerton, Somerset, said he had received dozens of calls supporting him.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Westinghouse loss trimmed to $28m

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC incurred a $28 million loss in the third quarter after taking a $30 million after-tax charge related to early retirement of debt. Losses were $52 million in the third quarter of the previous year. The company, which acquired CBS, the TV network, this year, said revenues for the quarter were $2.04 billion ($1.28 billion), with CBS helping to send broadcasting group sales soaring to $910 million ($166 million). Westinghouse said net income for the first nine months almost trebled to $64 million, or 14 cents a share, from $22 million, amounting to a loss of 3 cents a share after a 22 cents-a-share net loss on the disposal of WCI Communities Inc.

The company did not have any comment on reports that it was considering separating its media businesses, which will include the soon-to-be-acquired Infinity Broadcasting Corp, from its less-profitable industrial units. Westinghouse said power systems sales, which account for about two thirds of its revenues, increased significantly during the quarter.

TI Group stands by bid

TI GROUP, the UK engineering company, has said it has no plans to increase its £189 million takeover bid for Forsheda, the Swedish polymer manufacturer. TI, which is being advised by SBC Warburg, said it had received acceptances in respect of 63.6 per cent of the votes and 20.6 per cent of the total number of shares in Forsheda. The UK company said it has the right to fulfil the offer even if it does not achieve 90 per cent of the votes. Henderson Investors, the UK fund manager, has signalled its opposition to the terms in respect of its 12.77 per cent interest.

Peptide agreement

PEPTIDE THERAPEUTICS, the biopharmaceutical company that specialises in allergy treatment, has signed an exclusive worldwide licensing agreement with BTG to develop a new allergy vaccine for animals. BTG already provides the vaccine technology that Peptide uses under license in researching the treatment of human allergies. Peptide does not intend to complete the development of the animal vaccine alone. It is talking to larger US and European companies to fund the product's commercialisation.

Ladbroke's US sale

LADBROKE GROUP, the UK leisure and property company, is raising $56.2 million through the sale of its freehold interest in a development in the US. The Ballston Station development in Arlington County, Virginia, is being sold to the State Teachers Retirement Board of Ohio. Ladbroke said that net rental income for the eight-storey building was $5 million in 1995. The deal is likely to be completed by December 30. Ladbroke said that the proceeds would further reduce group debt and provide funds to invest in core businesses.

Scott Pickford battle

DON SCOTT, founder and acting chairman of Scott Pickford, an AIM company, is supporting Aerodata, an Australian geophysics firm poised to make a hostile bid for SP. Aerodata, which like SP advises oil explorers, also has the support of directors Peter Rothera and Andrew Shrager, giving it 14.2 per cent of the company, if it opts to bid. But Mr Rothera and Mr Shrager may be ousted by shareholders with 52 per cent of votes at an extraordinary meeting today.

Irish society buys

THE Republic of Ireland's First National Building Society has trebled its operating size in Northern Ireland with the purchase of Cheltenham & Gloucester's Belfast branch. First National, which has about 14 per cent of the republic's mortgage market, already has one office in Belfast and sells its products through agents in the rest of Northern Ireland. C & G's only office in Northern Ireland has assets of £70 million. The deal will be funded from internal resources.

Green light for Swiss Re

THE European Commission has approved Swiss Re's acquisition of Mercantile & General, Prudential's reinsurance subsidiary. The EU said Swiss Re's share of the global market would be below 15 per cent and the enlarged company would not, therefore, enjoy a dominant position. Prudential, the UK's biggest life insurer, will have an extra £1.75 billion with which to fund acquisitions. Prudential has said it is interested in buying a building society or life insurer.

Shield buys laboratories

SHIELD DIAGNOSTICS, the healthcare company working on a new test for heart disease, has bought two laboratory companies for an initial £701,500. Shield has immediately transferred the business of Guardian Laboratories to Plasmatec Laboratory Products. The previous owners may receive further payments depending on future results. Gordon Hall, Shield's managing director, said the acquisitions were growing business in Shield's core area of infectious disease.

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LEGAL NOTICES

No. 006037 of 1996
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF CROWN PRODUCTS GROUP PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 24 October 1996 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company by £11,636,000, AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL, on Wednesday the 13th day of November 1996.

ANY CREDITOR OR SHAREHOLDER desiring to oppose the making of an order for the confirmation of the said reduction of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this 1st day of November 1996
Fox Williams
City Gate House
39-45 Finsbury Square
London EC2A 1HU
Tel: 0171 628 2000
Fax: 0171 628 2100
Solicitors for the above-named Company

In the Matter of Mailnet Limited also T/A Network Direct
And in the Matter of the Insolvency Act and Rules 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106, I, F C Satow of Fennell Kerr Forster, New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, give notice that on 18 October 1996 I was appointed Liquidator of Mailnet Limited also T/A Network Direct by resolutions of members and creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 31 December 1996 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned F C Satow of New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.

Dated: 28 October 1996
F C Satow
Liquidator

LOWREY (UK) LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF on 15th November 1996 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq.

It is not intended to propose any resolutions at the meeting concerning the Liquidators remuneration, however the meeting may receive information about, or be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meeting.

A list of the names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor) London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

Dated this 30th October 1996
A HOWES, Director

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF ORDER OF COURT ON REDUCTION OF SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT

Whereas SIMS FOOD GROUP PLC having by Special Resolution reduced its share premium account as confirmed by an Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division dated the 16th OCTOBER 1996 Now therefore I hereby certify that the said Order was registered pursuant to section 138 of the Companies Act, 1985 on the 17th OCTOBER 1996

Given under my hand at Companies House, Cardiff the 17th OCTOBER 1996
No.627807
MR F.A. JOSEPH
An Authorised Officer

IN THE MATTER OF AUTOMAGIC LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

Pursuant to Rule 11.2 of The Insolvency Rules 1986, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the last date for proving debts against the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, is the 29th day of November 1996, by which date claims must be sent to the undersigned, Maurice Mitchell of Grant Thornton, Grant Thornton House, Melton Street, Euston Square, London, NW1 2EP, the liquidator of the company. Notice is further given that the liquidator intends to declare an interim dividend within 6 months of the last date for proving.

DATED THIS 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1996
M C Mitchell
Joint Liquidator

Authority Bank Limited
formerly Knowsley & Co Limited
The Insolvency Act and Rules 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106, We, Stephen Patrick Jens Wadsted and John Stewart Baird, both of Kidsons Impey, Spectrum House, 20-26 Cursitor Street, London EC4A 1HY, give notice that at the meeting of creditors held on 28th October 1996 our appointment by the members on 15th October 1996 as joint Liquidators of Authority Bank Limited was confirmed.

Under Rule 4.92(2) proofs of debt may be required by the Liquidators. However, for those creditors who have claimed in the Administration and participated in the previous distributions this requirement can be dispensed with.

Notice is hereby given that any creditors who have not lodged a claim in the previous proceedings or who have not claimed earlier distribution payments, are required, on or before 31st December 1996 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Stephen Patrick Jens Wadsted of Spectrum House, 20-26 Cursitor Street, London EC4A 1HY, the Joint Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Joint Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.

Dated: 30 October 1996
S P J Wadsted
Joint Liquidator

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KD HOTEL MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 1272042
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RGH HOLDING LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 2528082
SECURUM HOTELS LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 2761546
(ALL COMPANIES IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rules 4.182A and 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the Liquidator of the above companies intends to make a distribution to creditors within four months of 6 December 1996. Creditors are required to submit full details of their claims to the Liquidator, Roger Smith, KPMG, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP on or before Friday 6 December 1996, which is the last day for proving claims. The full details of claims, referred to above, must include the creditor's name and address, the amount of the claim and particulars of how and when the debt was incurred by the company. Notice is also given that the intended distribution to creditors will be the final distribution to creditors and that it will be made without regard to any claims not made by the last day for proving claims. All funds remaining in the Liquidator's hands following the final distribution to creditors shall be distributed to shareholders absolutely.

Note: the companies are able to pay all their known creditors in full.

Dated: 28 October 1996
R Smith - Liquidator

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☐ Bill for BT's plans won't arrive for years ☐ Car dealerships need shake-up ☐ Mixed signals from the housing market

Premium call rate

PENNINGTON

☐ BRITISH TELECOM'S decision to take full control of MCI, America's second-largest long-distance phone company, for about $20 billion is a strategic U-turn. In the past couple of years, BT has concentrated on building a European presence in advance of deregulation on the Continent in 1998. The strategy was an obvious one: growth was assured because operators such as Deutsche Telekom and France Télécom could only lose market share once their monopolies were broken.

Now BT has decided to switch attention from the world's least competitive market to the most competitive. In buying MCI, the company is entering into a free-for-all that will produce as many losers as winners. The 1996 Telecommunications Act, the most sweeping telecoms legislation since AT&T was broken up in 1984, will allow local and long-distance companies to compete in each other's markets.

MCI has already committed to spend $2 billion to build the basis of a local business and will have to spend billions more to become a significant player. This is the main attraction of bringing in the British. The question is whether BT has the financial might and imagination to make a splash. While the company has vast experience in the local market, it has none in the US. America is littered with the corpses of foreign adventurers.

BT will argue that its American and European strategies are identical. In each case, easy profits are meant to come by introducing competition into what was previously a monopoly market. Local calls in the US are the sole domain of the regional phone companies, or Baby Bells, a situation the Telecommunications Act is supposed to eliminate, and the margins are huge. MCI has to pay 45 per cent of its long-distance call revenue to the regional phone companies. While the local market looks tempting, BT should not forget that far more nimble players such as AT&T and Sprint are just as eager to attack. Margins, as a result, can only fall.

The problem is that many years will pass, and many billions will be spent, before BT will be able to judge its success, or lack of it, in the local market. In the meantime, the war will have to continue on many fronts. In the UK, BT has stated it is willing to spend £15 billion to upgrade its local networks to provide high-capacity services such as video-on-demand. In Europe, the company has capital-hungry partnerships in almost every major country, and it is scouring the market for an Asian partner. The suspicion is that BT is overstretching itself.

Neither Sir Iain Vallance, chairman, nor Sir Peter Bonfield, chief executive, are men to show signs of self doubt even despite the lack of overseas experience. But as the bills for penetrating the local market come in, MCI shareholders, who are already being paid a 30 per cent premium to the share price before talks were revealed, may emerge as the real winner.

No way to drive a bargain

☐ YOU get into your car each weekend and drive some way out of town. You do this because the superstore you are heading for carries a wider range than the high street, allowing you to choose the best value brand of soap powder or whatever that week. The prices are keener, anyway, because of that out-of-town location and the buying power that big grocers enjoy.

The car you drive to the superstore in, however, has been bought from a small hole in the wall in the high street. There was no choice when you bought it — just one brand per hole in the wall. If the car was new, you probably had to wait weeks for delivery, because the store does not have the space to carry all the stock it sells. This is because it is in the high street.

In an ideal world you would have travelled some distance out of town to a large facility, purpose-built or converted from another use, where there would be a range of new and second-hand models parked outside. You test-drive the half a dozen makes that are in your price range. You don't like the clutch on this one, or the trim on the other; you still drive away the ideal car for your needs.

This doesn't happen because of our weird and outdated system of car dealership, a legalised cartel which requires retailers to pledge they will sell one brand only, and fight like sharks for the privilege. It dates back to the days when there were not enough cars being produced, and some sort of rationing was needed. Franchises, which carry the right to be part of this cartel, change hands for large amounts.

This system is breaking down, but surprisingly slowly. Joining the stock market this month is the Car Group, which has ambitious plans to trade a range of cars at out-of-town locations. Used cars, only, though. No one has yet tried the same trick with new ones, because, supposedly, this would upset the manufacturers. And yet the latter are cutting down on their dealership networks because even they recognise that this is an inefficient way to shift the 30 per cent or so of production that goes to the private buyer. It cannot be too many years before someone tries the Car Group approach with new cars too.

Trading places

☐ READING the runes in the housing market was difficult enough even before last week's base rate rise and the assumption of dearer mortgages in future. Monthly figures from the Halifax provide some clue, but this is still the strangest market we have seen in years.

For one thing, it disobeys one basic rule of economics, that scarcity pushes prices up. There is a desperate shortage of good-quality homes in the right areas — three and four-bedroom family houses in popular suburbs, say. Such homes are often selling within days, a certainty which discourages potential buyers from putting their own properties on the market until they have found somewhere to move. This increases the shortage, as there are more visible buyers than sellers.

The result should be that prices go through the roof. They are not doing so because buyers remember only too well the last time that the housing market took off and appreciate the fragility of any upturn. So most are terrified of overpaying. Last week's interest rate move, even if it had no impact on mortages, will have increased this caution, while highlighting the attractions of the fixed-rate deals on offer.

The Halifax figures show that since 1994 the average price of a second-hand home has risen three times as fast as a new house. The builders have been saying this for years; they cannot compete, because they cannot build in those areas where people want to live, those aforesaid leafy suburbs that are seeing the best price rises. The end result must be a housing market with a far wider range of prices, from the respectable proportions of a million pounds attaching to fairly ordinary family homes in the right areas to cheap, largely unwanted first-time flats elsewhere.

This divergence has been evident ever since the market collapsed at the end of the 1980s. Paradoxically, it offers the best encouragement to buyers and sellers alike; if you want to upgrade, it will only get more difficult as time goes on.

Citizens Financial in deal

Citizens Financial Group, the US arm of the Royal Bank of Scotland, is paying $87 million for Grove Bank. Grove has seven branches in Boston and total assets of $599 million.

The deal also includes the three-branch Greater Boston Bank, the purchase of which Grove announced in August. After the acquisition, Citizens will have 240 branches in four New England states, with assets of about $16 billion.

Job in pipeline

British Gas is to have a new managing director of exploration and production, Frank Chapman, after the departure of its last chief to Enterprise Oil. Mr Chapman, who worked for Shell for 18 years, starts next week. He last worked at Kvaerner where he headed its oil and gas interests until the Norwegian company's takeover of Trafalgar House.

Results dates

National Grid is due to report its interim financial results on November 26 (Companies, Business News, November 4). Carlton Communications is due to report final results on December 4.

Bidders for Conrail may divide the spoils

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

THE $8 billion bid battle for Conrail, the largest railway company in northeast America, has taken a new twist with the two bidders holding talks about dividing the company between them.

CSX, a company that has Sir Denis Thatcher as a director, and Norfolk Southern are holding discussions over the possibility of one side dropping out of the bidding but buying certain agreed assets from the purchaser. The outcome will decide which of the companies, both based in Virginia, will dominate the rail industry in the eastern US.

However, the companies already disagree about the substance of the talks. CSX claims that it is discussing the possibility of selling some Conrail assets to Norfolk if Norfolk drops out of the bidding. Norfolk says it has no intention of dropping its bid but is considering selling some Conrail assets to CSX if it wins. Both sides said the other initiated the talks.

The bids were launched about two weeks ago and whichever side wins will become the largest railways company in the eastern US, raising regulatory concerns.

This appears to be the reason for the latest discussions, since both bidders realise they may have to divest some assets to avoid being penalised under anti-trust rules. "We are committed to maintaining a competitive balance in the east," Northern said. Both companies are also nervous of alienating corporate clients if they become too powerful as a result of buying Conrail.

Norfolk's bid continues to look the more attractive of the two since it is offering $100 in cash for each Conrail share, valuing the offer at $8.1 billion. CSX's cash and paper offer has fallen below $8 billion because of a decline in the company's share price. Norfolk also announced yesterday that it has secured $15 billion in bank financing for its bid, nearly twice the amount it actually needs. The company said the enthusiasm of its bank backers underlines the attractiveness of its offer.

The bid battle is part of the big restructuring sweeping through the US rail industry, spurred on by rising business and profits as freight shippers increasingly use rail rather than road for the first time in more than two decades. Conrail was created by the forced merger of five ailing rail companies in the early 1980s.

But rapid consolidation is creating a small number of rail company giants that many analysts fear will lead to a fall in competition. After two other big deals in the last 12 months there are now only two big companies in the western US and two in the east.

ANDRE CAMARA

Simon Bentley says he expects Blacks Leisure to improve further in the second half

Friends Provident to raise £215m

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

FRIENDS PROVIDENT, the mutual life insurer which for more than a year has been rumoured to be considering flotation or looking for a parent, is raising £215 million of extra capital on the stock market. The insurer said this indicated its intention to "stay mutual and independent".

Analysts commented that as long as equities continued to rise and the insurer's portfolio increased, it would be under no pressure to seek a stock market listing. A market collapse, however, would still leave it vulnerable. The £215 million will be raised through a bond issue and will raise the company's capital base to more than £2 billion.

In 1994 Scottish Amicable became the first British mutual to make a public issue of such loans. The capital raised can be taken into account when calculating a life company's solvency margin.

Michael Doerr, chief executive, said the move would enable Friends Provident to make acquisitions. It took over National Mutual Australia in 1993 and this year just missed acquiring the coal industry's £15 billion CINman fund.

A total of £215 million nominal undated subordinated bonds were issued yesterday by FP Finance and guaranteed by Friends Provident Life Office. This new debt will be repaid only after policyholders and Friends' senior creditors have been paid. The issue was arranged by Merrill Lynch and SBC Warburg.

Standard and Poor's, the credit rating agency, said Friends had come to market at a sensible time because interest rates were low.

Football fans lift Blacks

BY FRASER NELSON

THE busy summer of sport helped to lift trading at Blacks Leisure, the sports shop chain, which achieved an increased interim pre-tax profits of £3.9 million (£736,000).

Simon Bentley, chairman, said that during the Euro '96 tournament, visiting football fans increased sales of international football strips.

First Sport, its core chain, lifted margins from 46.2 per cent to 48.6 per cent over the half year. Active Venture, specialising in active fashion clothes, expanded from one to nine stores. Miss Sam, the company's womanswear wholesaler and designer, suffered a loss of £100,000. Mr Bentley said the division had been earmarked for disposal.

Mr Bentley said the second half is traditionally stronger than the first and sales are already 15 per cent stronger in the first nine weeks.

In all, 19 stores were added to Blacks's 85-strong portfolio. Like-for-like sales grew 24 per cent, taking turnover to £42.2 million (£31 million) and earnings to 8.46p per share (1.59p). An interim dividend of 1.25p (0.75p) is due on February 3.

United Utilities sells lending arm

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

UNITED UTILITIES, the North West electricity and water company, has sold the lending arm of its electrical retailing division to Lombard Tricity Finance.

The sale will net £113 million for United Utilities, the country's first "super utility", formed from the takeover of Norweb by North West Water. Lombard Tricity, part of the NatWest Group, is paying an initial £100 million. It is expected to pay a further £13 million from the cashflow of the portfolio of customers' credit arrangements.

United is looking to sell its entire retail business along with other parts of the company in a sell-off programme announced earlier this year. Brian Staples, chief executive, said: "This is a further significant disposal of non-core activities and brings the total raised from disposals to approximately £238 million towards our target of £350 million."

It is likely that the retail business will be the next to go, leaving United with its generation interests still to be sold. Norweb Retailing operates from a string of out-of-town superstores and high street shops, and the utility is in talks with a number of potential buyers. It is thought that the business would make a sensible buy for ScottishPower, which has outlined nationwide ambitions for power supply and a desire to be a high street name.

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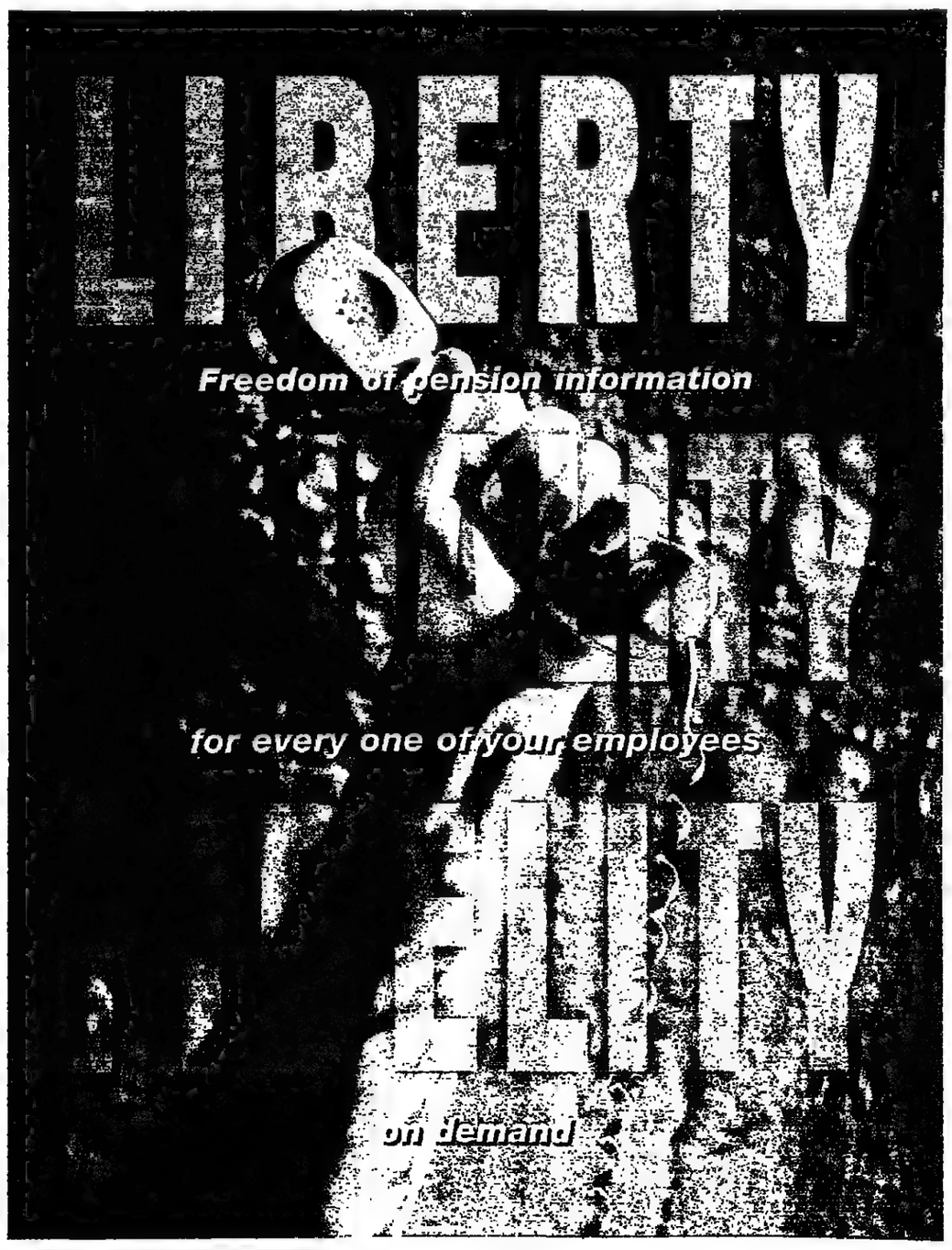

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Flying start for BT shares in bout of frantic trading

FRANTIC trading in **BT** accounted for almost 13 per cent of the total turnover of the London stock market. By the close of business, 84.2 million BT shares had changed hands, compared with 648.8 million for the market as a whole.

The announcement of the group's proposed merger with MCI came too late on Friday for the London market to react. But the shares got off to a flying start yesterday, soaring 22p to 373p as brokers gave an enthusiastic thumbs up to the proposed £12 billion merger and 35p dividend sweetener.

Brokers said that BT would be effectively throwing money at shareholders over the next year. In addition to the special dividend, it has also agreed to pay a 7.9p interim in January, followed by a final of 11.95p in September of next year.

One broker said: "The shares are yielding something like 18 per cent. You can't turn your back on something like that."

SBC Warburg reckons the shares could reach as high as 430p once the deal is concluded, while ABN Amro Hoare Govett has set a target price of 400p. But as other brokers *have been quick to point out*, US investors may turn out to be sellers of the newly merged company. MCI is regarded as a growth stock in the US and a merger with a tried and tested income stock such as BT may not suit their needs.

The speculation generated by the deal focused attention on other telecom companies, with **Vodafone** rising 5p to 241½p. It is seen as a possible bid target by one of the other US giants such as AT&T. **Cable and Wireless**, which has linked up with other partners, fell 6p to 483½p.

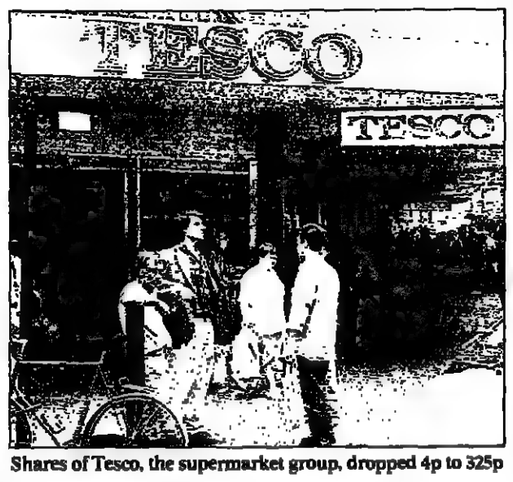
But the deal failed to benefit **Securicor**, down 8p at 275p. There is growing concern that BT may now have got cold feet about buying a 40 per cent stake in Cellnet. Brokers say Securicor's share of Cellnet could be worth as much as £1 billion.

Telewest marked time at 141p after seeing losses at the *third-quarter stage double to* £59.1 million.

The rest of the equity market had a lacklustre session, with investors reluctant to make a move ahead of polling in the US presidential election. The lull gave investors more time to ponder the outlook for interest rates after last week's quarter-point rise to 6 per cent. It left them wondering if further rises might be on the way — a point that tomorrow's Bank of England *Inflation Report* may underline.

A volatile start to trading on Wall Street failed to offer any lead to London with the Dow Jones industrial average moving 20 points higher after recovering *from a ten-point* fall. In the event, the FT-SE 100 index closed just above its low for the day with a loss of 20.4 points at 3,928.1.

The pound's strength against major competitors continued to undermine big exporters, with ***Blue Circle Industries***, falling 6p to 388p, **BOC** 7p to 856½p, **Reed International** 8½p to £11.25, and **SmithKline Beecham** 11p to 749p.



Shares of Tesco, the supermarket group, dropped 4p to 325p

The food retailers were again under a cloud as **J Sainsbury** stepped up the price war by offering extra Reward card points to customers. After *last week's profits* shortfall, Sainsbury fell a further 8p to 355½p. There were also losses for **Asda**, 1p to 116¾p, **Tesco** 4p to 325p, and **Safeway** 5p to 357p. Talk of a major restructuring left **Kwik Save** *17p down at 302p. Full-*year figures from cash-rich **Associated British Foods** came in at the top end of expectations and were rewarded with a rise of 8½p to 425½p.

Anglian Water, reporting today, stood out with a rise of *10½p at 559p. The market is* looking for a modest increase in pre-tax profits of about £4 million at £130 million. But once again the focus of attention will be on the dividend, which may be up as much as 18 per cent at 10.5p.

Thames Water, which unveiled impressive figures *last* week, ended 3¾p down at 543½p as the shares went ex-dividend. There was a muted response to the latest update by **British Biotech** of phase three testing of Marimastat, its new anti-cancer treatment. *The shares finished 21½p low*er at 207½p as more than three million changed hands.

Brokers began downgrading profit estimates for **T&N** after it said that sales of automotive parts remained patchy. A downturn in diesel parts made it difficult for the group to asses the outcome for the year. Crédit Lyonnais *Laing*, the broker, responded by cutting its forecast by £9 million to £111 million. The shares fell 3½p to 125½p.

The only positive news for the group came from the US Supreme Court, which has agreed to review a settlement *setting fixed payments for* asbestosis-related diseases.

TI Group dropped 8p to 560½p after ruling out the prospect of increasing its £189 million bid for Forsheda, the Swedish polymer group. The group has come under pres*sure from dissident sharehold*ers, led by Henderson Investors, to raise its offer. TI already has the backing of shareholders representing 63 per cent of the issued shares.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Investors remained in a cautious mood, *reluctant to open fresh posi*tions before the US presidential election and tomorrow's Bank of England *Inflation Report*.

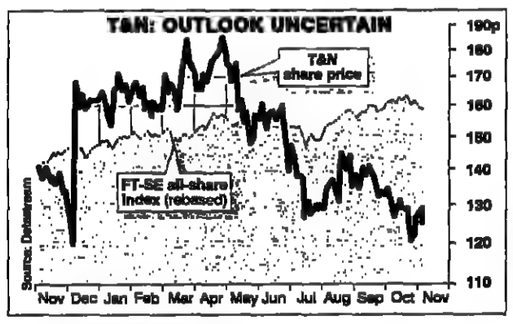
Prices continued to lose ground, partly reflecting last week's first rate rise for two *years and growing concerns* that others may be in the pipeline.

In the futures pit, the December series of the Long Gilt finished £7/32 lower at £108 7/16 as the total number of contracts completed reached 42,000.

In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 finished £1/16 lower at £100 9/32, while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £3/32 off at £102 11/16.

NEW YORK: At midday, *shares on* Wall Street were higher in a very quiet final session before the presidential election. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 10.06 points to 6,031.99.

Burford Holdings fell ½p to 136½p as Nick Leslau, chief executive, raised £5.14 million after exercising options on 4.8 million shares at 28.4p. The shares were placed with institutions by BZW. He still owns 3.8 million shares and £11 million of shares and options in Burford and associate companies.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones ..... 6031.99 (+10.06)
S&P Composite ..... 705.30 (+1.53)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average ..... Closed

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 12559.40 (+30.13)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index ..... 581.32 (+0.01)

Sydney:
AO ..... 2357.5 (+18.1)

Frankfurt:
DAX ..... 2671.86(-11.39)

Singapore:
Straits ..... 2075.78 (+7.61)

Brussels:
General ..... 9917.27 (+18.67)

Paris:
CAC-40 ..... 2142.15 (+1.64)

Zurich:
SKA Gen ..... 785.80 (+3.20)

London:

FT 30	2782.9 (-12.1)
FT 100	3928.1 (-20.4)
FTSE Mid 250	4418.4 (-10.8)
FTSE 350	1962.4 (-9.0)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	1747.59 (-0.64)
FT All-Share	1938.07 (-8.48)
FT Non Financials	2027.43 (-8.31)
FT Fixed Interest	115.25 (-0.07)
FT Govt Secs	93.37 (-0.29)
Bargains	40351
SEAQ Volume	648.6m
USM (Datastrm)	203.89 (-0.12)
US$	1.6467 (+0.0092)
German Mark	2.4915 (+0.0079)
Exchange Index	91.2 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2869
£:SDR	1.1346
RPI ..... 153.8 Sep (2.1%) Jan 1987=100	
RPIX ..... 153.6 Sep (2.9%) Jan 1987=100	

RECENT ISSUES

Beechcroft	4	...	
Charles Taylor	162½	+	1
Corp Exec Search (3)	4½	...	
Deep Sea Leisure	162½	...	
Elec Retail Sys	187½	+	10
Fitness First	90½	...	
Geo Interactive (100)	82½	-	9
Hartstone 8% Cum	121	...	
Healthcare Reform	99½	...	
Interoute Tele	163½	-	1
Jardinerie Intrns	125	...	
John David Sports	301	-	1
Loftus Road (72)	75	...	
Lomond Under	130	...	
Mears Group	11¾	...	
Mondas (75)	92½	+	1
Oriental Resturnts	206½	...	
Thistle Hotels (170)	164½	-	½
Ultra Electronics	294½	...	
Victory Corp	52½	...	

RIGHTS ISSUES

Brooke Inds n/p (125)	5½	...	
Cairn Energy n/p (360)	1	-	1
Capital Inds n/p (175)	11½	-	1
Celsis Intl n/p (100)	2	+	½
Clyde Blwrs n/p (265)	20	...	
Euro Leis n/p (145)	17½	-	2
Perkins Foods n/p (74)	8	...	

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Phonelink	91p (+7p)
BT	373p (+22p)
Plasmon	197½p (+10p)
Trinity Hldgs	274½p (+7p)
Cohen (A)	485p (+10p)
Flextech	845p (+12½p)
Anglian	559p (+10½p)
Whitbread	740½p (+7p)

FALLS:

Kwik Save	302p (-17p)
Dart	273p (-8p)
Micro Focus	868p (-17½p)
Kingfisher	835p (-11p)
Williams Hldg	350p (-6p)
Blocomp Intl	520p (-10p)
Sainsbury J	355½p (-8p)
Securicor	275p (-8p)
Go-Ahead	369p (-11½p)

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TEMPUS

AIM for dollars

BEARS of the US stock market will carp at Invesco's £1 billion takeover of AIM Management Group. Invesco is already heavily skewed to the mood on Wall Street, with 80 per cent of its own business originating Stateside. AIM brings, with it some £58 billion of client funds, a treasure chest that will render trifling Invesco's remaining UK business.

When Invesco disclosed that it was in talks with AIM in September, there were worries that it would overpay. The relatively happy mood among US investors means that fund management groups are highly sought after businesses. *In the event, a price of $1.6 billion* for a business that could earn almost $100 million in the current year suggests an exit multiple of 16.5 times. Not cheap, but not particularly expensive when the company's growth rate is put into the equation.

Invesco is unlikely to achieve *much in the* way of cost savings from this deal. In effect, its greater concern will be to lock in key people, a process that could be expensive in an industry in which corporate loyalty is becoming scarce. *AIM sells retail products*, exploiting the rapid growth in 401K investment plans, a product similar to a Pep but held until retirement. AIM's sales have double since *1994 and some* forecasts of $120 million in net earnings in 1997 reduce the exit multiple to 13 times.

Therefore, Invesco is gambling on a rising stream of cash flowing into US retirement funds, and the goodwill premium paid for AIM buys a voluminous address list of financial advisers who act as conduits for funds. The market could *turn sour*, but anxiety about poverty in retirement is increasing here and in America. That bodes well for Invesco.

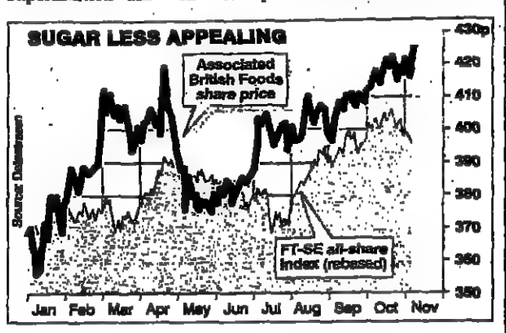
AB Foods

THE pile of cash at Associated *British Foods is taking on* the appearance of a Carl André sculpture. Like the infamous bricks at the Tate Gallery, it is expensive, seems to serve little purpose and arouses criticism. Nevertheless (and like the bricks) *there is a grudging accep*tance of ABF's loot. After all, the company managed to increase profits 15 per cent last year, in spite of having a large slug of its capital earning single digit interest.

But if ABF does find a £1 *billion deal that meets its* exacting standards, then ABF could become a much more interesting investment. A decent acquisition would give far higher returns than money earns on deposit.

Moreover, a good acquisition would make the group less dependant on British Sugar, which is currently responsible for about half of operating profits. Sugar is a *highly subsidised commod*ity, but there is some pressure for that to change. If the subsidies were reduced, British Sugar would suddenly become a much less valuable asset. Elsewhere in the group, the Northern Ireland *supermarkets did well last* year, but they face increasing competition as British competitors move across the *Irish Sea*.

Forecasts of £440 million for the current financial year put the company on an earnings multiple of 13.5 times. That looks expensive until ABF finally stops starving at its pile of money and puts it to use.



Greycoat

WHICHEVER way you look at it, UK Active Value's *proposal makes little sense*. Putting the portfolio up for sale is a weak stance from which to extract maximum value. The principal asset — Embankment Place — is a problem. Its rental income is ahead of the market rate and *any buyer — there are few for* £200 million buildings — would be seeking a bond-type, nil-growth yield of about 8 per cent. Were the property anticipating a good rent review, the yield would be a more racy 6.5 per cent.

Greycoat wants to wait, say 12 months, by when the disparity between market rents and Embankment Place will have narrowed, but UKAV thinks a liquidation would at least substantially narrow the gap between the share price of 148p and a net asset value which UKAV puts at 185p.

Of course, that is nonsense because the open market property valuations that underpin a property company's balance sheet are not based on a quick sale of the entire *portfolio*. Add selling costs and a £10 million bill for unwinding interest rate swaps and the proceeds are unlikely to fetch anything near 185p per share.

But UKAV has a reason to criticise Greycoat. It has been a lousy investment by any measure, but much of that is down to the poor performance of the office property market. Investors who put money into retail or leisure properties will have done much better, but Greycoat was advertised as a play on Central London offices. Arguably, Greycoat should have sold Embankment Place two years ago, when bond-type properties were enjoying a mini-boom in an otherwise dead market, but it *makes little sense to sell just* as rental growth resumes.

UKAV's brand of shareholder guerilla warfare is a welcome change to the gentle and largely ineffective persuasion of institutions. Yet it needs to offer more realistic alternatives. If there were a bidder out there for Greycoat, or its properties, it would have shown its face by now.

T&N

T&N NEVER seems to enjoy a clear run of good news. The decision by the US Supreme Court to review a lower court's challenge to the Georgine Settlement procedure is a welcome break. It recognises that the lower court's decision was probably out of line with precedent. *More important, it means* that the Georgine settlement procedures stay in place until the Supreme Court rules, which will take ages.

Yet T&N now reveals its core business of friction and piston products is suffering *weak demand and lower mar*gins. One has to be thankful even for small mercies.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Dec	908-904	Mar	1021-1020
Mar	940-939	May	1035-1031
May	960-959	Jul	1045-1039
Jul	980-978	Sep	1068-1042
Sep	997-995		
Dec	1009-1008		Volume: 5126

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	1515-1500	Jul	1323-1315
Jan	1390-1388	Sep	1332-1320
Mar	1340-1339	Nov	1355-1320
May	1323-1322		Volume: 2712

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	308.4-08.0
Spot: 313.p		Oct	302.9-01.9
Dec	308.5-08.0	Dec	306.4-05.0
Mar	306.0-05.5	Mar	307.2-05.0
May	306.4-05.0		Volume: 1943

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 1

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	88.28	124.73	99.83
(+/-)	-8.02	+3.19	+0.43
Eng/Wales	88.28	124.75	99.74
(+/-)	-8.02	+3.12	+0.39
(%)	+34.0	-7.0	+9.0
Scotland	unq	124.60	101.06
(+/-)	—	+3.78	+0.60
(%)	—	-24.0	+82.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	22.15	-0.20
Brent IS day (Dec)	22.55	-0.15
Brent IS day (Jan)	22.15	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	23.05	-0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	22.80	-0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	232 (+5)	234 (+5)
Gasoil EEC	213 (-2)	214 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	113 (n/c)	114 (n/c)
Naphtha	219 (n/c)	221 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Dec	205.25-05.50	Mar	192.50 BID
Jan	202.75-03.00	Apr	186.25-87.50
Feb	198.25-98.50		Vol. 16985

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	22.51-22.53	Mar	21.18 BID
Jan	22.16-22.18	Apr	20.68 BID
Feb	21.70-21.71		Vol. 30328

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	93.75	Nov	91.00
Jan	95.25	Jan	92.75
Mar	96.70	Mar	94.25
May	97.90	May	95.45
Jul	99.30	Sep	91.00
Volume: 315		Volume: 0	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	40.00
Mar	—	68.50
Apr	71.0	70.50
		Volume: 26

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Nov 81.75-82.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 96	1440	1419	1435
Dec 96	1340	1375	1375
Jan 97	1360	1342	1342
Apr 97	1359	1350	1355
Vol: 134 lots		Open interest: 3993	

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(Official) (Volume prev day) **LONDON METAL EXCHANGE** Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2002.0-2003.0	1954.0-1957.0	164915
Lead ($/tonne)	731.00-732.00	737.50-738.00	295525
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1041.0-1041.5	1064.5-1065.0	870325
Tin ($/tonne)	5620.0-5625.0	5905.0-5910.0	16925
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1393.5-1394.0	1419.5-1420.0	1162875
Nickel ($/tonne)	6990.0-6992.0	7101.0-7105.0	79602

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom	360 23½	31	36	15	20½	27½
(*473½)	500 7	14	19½	42	45½	51½
ASDA	110 10	11½	14	3	4	5
(*116½)	120 4½	6½	9	6½	8½	9
Boots	600 27	42	50½	12½	19	27
(*615½)	650 7	18½	26	43	47	56½
Br Airways	500 55	66	72½	3	10	14½
(*564½)	550 22	34½	41	21	27	34
BP	600 47	55½	66	10	20	23
(*626½)	650 20½	31	40½	31½	41	46
Br Steel	160 6½	12	15½	6	8	13
(*143½)	180 2	5	7½	20½	21	26½
C & W	460 30	43	51½	10½	16½	23
(*480½)	500 11	22½	31	29½	36½	43
CU	600 58	67½	72½	5½	16	19
(*646½)	650 24½	36	43	21	38½	42
ICI	750 42½	57	65	13½	29½	35
(*770½)	800 17½	30½	40	38	56½	62
Land Sec	700 22½	37½	45	14	19½	28½
(*711½)	750 6	15	21	47	50	58
M & S	300 22	33½	39	11	16	21
(*309½)	550 4	12	16½	45	47	50½
Nat West	650 53	61½	66½	8	23½	28½
(*687½)	700 23	33	42	28	49	53½
Safeway plc	330 31½	39½	43½	4	9½	15
(*357)	360 12	22	27	16	22	29
Sainsbury	330 27	35½	38½	3½	7	12
(*354½)	360 9½	18	22	16	19½	26½
Shell	950 40	56	65	16½	31	39½
(*965½)	1000 15	29	39½	43	59	66
Smkl Bch	700 60	74	86½	8	18	25
(*749)	750 28	44½	58	26	38	46
Storehse	300 0	—	—	0	—	—
(*unq)	330 0	—	—	0	—	—
Trafalgar	50 0	—	—	0	—	—
(*unq)	60 0	—	—	0	—	—
Zeneca	1600 102	137	161	38	64½	73
(*1645)	1700 50½	85	110	87	114½	122

Series	Calls Nov	Jan	Apr	Puts Nov	Jan	Apr
BAT Ind	300 30	36½	48	1½	6	17
(*417½)	420 9	22	30½	10½	17½	31
Vodafone	240 7	13	20	4	11	14
(*242½)	260 1	6	12	15	23	26

Series	Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	420 38½	46½	52	0	6½	10
(*454½)	460 8	28	37	22½	29	36½
Ladbroke	180 17	22	25	0	2½	6½
(*190½)	200 2	9	12	9½	9½	14½
Utd Bisc	200 7½	16	19	2	6½	11
(*206)	220 1	6½	10	14½	18½	22½

November 5, 1996 Tot: 33435 Call: 19273 Put: 14162 FTSE Calls 6373 Puts 8552
*Underlying security price.

Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	500 16½	29	38½	15	21	27½
(*509½)	550 2½	10½	17	54	55½	59
Thames W	500 52	64	70½	3	9	18½
(*542½)	550 18½	33	39½	18½	28	42

Series	Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
BTR	240 11½	19	22	1	5	10
(*249½)	260 1	8	12	13	14½	20
Br Aero	1150 23½	60	79	16	37	48
(*1157)	1200 5	36	54½	47	60	74
Br Telcm	360 14	21½	27½	3	12½	16
(*372½)	390 2	7½	14	19	29½	32
Cadbury	500 13	30	38½	9½	13½	24½
(*509½)	550 0	9	16½	40½	44	54½
Guinness	420 21	33½	39½	1	7	15
(*439)	460 1	12	19½	21½	27	36
GEC	360 18½	26½	34½	1	7	11
(*376½)	390 2½	11	19½	14½	22	25
Hanson	110 4½	9½	—	1	4½	—
(*113½)	119 0½	5½	—	8	10	—
LASMO	200 8½	16½	19½	2	6½	8½
(*206)	220 1	7½	10½	14½	17	19½
LucasVarity	240 10	18½	24½	3	9	13½
(*245½)	260 1½	9½	15½	15	20	24
Pilkington	100 6½	12	16½	1½	5½	7½
(*105½)	110 0	4	8	10½	11	19
Prudential	420 36	47½	53	0	6	13
(*454½)	460 6	22½	28	10½	21	30½
Redland	300 27	39	45½	0½	7	14
(*415)	420 6	20	27½	9	18	28
R-Royce	240 12	21	26½	1½	8	12
(*249½)	260 2	11	16½	11½	18	22
Tesco	300 26	34½	40	0	4	9½
(*325)	330 4½	15½	21½	8½	15	22
Williams	330 21	—	—	1	—	—
(*350)	360 3	—	—	13	—	—

Series	Calls Dec	Apr	Jul	Puts Dec	Apr	Jul
Abbey Nat	600 44½	59½	66½	5	19½	25
(*625½)	650 14	31	40½	25	44	49½
Alnstrad	140 17	—	—	2½	—	—
(*153½)	160 5½	—	—	11	—	—
Barclays	550 35½	56	69	18½	43	52
(*587)	1000 12	32½	46	48½	72½	80½
Natl Pwr	400 10	23	—	12	19	—
(*401½)	450 1	6½	—	53	54½	—

Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo W	950 44	64½	77½	25	44½	53
(*957½)	1000 22	41	54½	53½	72½	80½
HSBC	1250 68	95½	120½	23½	53½	71
(*1281½)	1300 39	70½	93½	44½	78½	95½
Reuter	700 57½	74	85½	11	21	27½
(*740½)	750 26½	44½	58	29½	42	49½
Royal & Sun	364 35½	42½	—	4½	14½	—
(*430)	431 13½	21	—	20½	33½	—

Series	Calls Feb	May	Dec	Puts Feb	May	Dec
Blue Circ	360 32½	39½	45	2	9½	11
(*388)	390 11½	20½	29½	11	16	24

Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Kingfishr	600 54½	65½	71	11½	22	27
(*634)	650 25½	37	44½	32½	46	50½

Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Unilever	1250 38	64½	73½	12½	21½	41½
(*1276)	1300 12½	37	46½	38	46	67

Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Br Gas	160 14½	19	23½	2	4½	8½
(*191½)	200 4½	10	12	10½	13½	16
Dixons	500 49½	61	73	2½	10	15
(*543)	550 16	31	43	18	29	35
EMI Group	1200 46½	74½	100	21	41½	50
(*1215)	1250 23	49½	73½	47½	67½	75
Tarmac	80 10	13	14	0½	2	2½
(*88½)	90 3½	7	8½	4	6	7
Hillsdwn	160 16	20½	22½	0½	2½	6
(*174)	180 3½	8	10½	7½	10½	16
Lonrho	140 4½	13	15	1½	5½	7½
(*146½)	160 1	4½	6	13½	17	19
Sears	90 8½	—	—	0½	—	—
(*97½)	90 2½	—	—	4	—	—
Thorn EMI	1500 79	—	—	11	—	—
(*1553)	1600 22½	—	—	51	—	—
Tomkins	240 18	22	27½	3½	9½	10
(*251)	260 7	13½	17½	12	17½	20
Lloyds TSB	360 30½	38½	42	2	11	14
(*386)	390 10½	20½	25½	11½	25	28
Scot Pwr	294 21½	27½	—	2	—	—
(*311½)	323 5½	12	—	14	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*3925)

	3800	3850	3900	3950	4000	4050
Calls						
Nov	140½	96	57	26½	9	2
Dec	173½	135	99	66½	42	24½
Jan	195½	156½	123	91½	67½	46
Feb	219	181	148½	115	91	67
Jun	275	—	210½	—	159½	—
Puts						
Nov	4½	10	21	42½	78	127
Dec	24	35	50½	70½	98½	134
Jan	39	50½	67½	88½	115	146
Feb	54	66½	82½	102½	129	158
Jun	107½	—	148½	—	188	—

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FTSE 100 Previous open interest: 63379	Dec 96	3975.0	3978.0	3945.0	3948.0	9770
	Mar 97	3975.0	3975.0	3975.0	3963.0	150
FTSE 250 Previous open interest: 4129	Dec 96				4443.0	0
	Mar 97					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 500380	Dec 96	93.67	93.69	93.66	93.67	17917
	Mar 97	93.42	93.43	93.39	93.39	23820
	Jun 97	93.12	93.15	93.09	93.09	15016
Three Mth Euro Yen	Mar 97				99.37	0
	Jun 97				99.25	0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1117687	Dec 96	96.77	96.79	96.75	96.78	20959
	Mar 97	96.71	96.73	96.69	96.72	30433
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 149831	Dec 96	108.15	108-25	108-13	108-14	49871
	Mar 97				107-20	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 96	125.30	125.37	125.30	125.30	193
	Mar 97	124.54	124.54	124.54	124.4750	
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 267686	Dec 96	99.38	99.55	99.34	99.46	87237
	Mar 97	98.42	98.51	98.40	98.45	1197
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 276636	Dec 96	95.78	95.80	95.78	95.79	200
	Mar 97	95.74	95.76	95.72	95.75	119
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 88609	Dec 96	97.66	97.66	97.79	97.62	9404
	Mar 97	97.93	97.93	97.74	97.77	8738
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 89164	Dec 96	123.13	123.74	123.05	123.70	39008
	Mar 97	122.80	122.85	122.80	122.92	103

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans O/night high: 6½ Low 5 Week fixed: 6½
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5⅝. Sell: 2 mth 5¼; 3 mth: 5⅛.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅝-5¼	5⅝-5⅝	5-5⅝	6⅛-6¼	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-6¼	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛
Interbank:	6⅛-6¼	6⅛-6¼	6⅛-6¼	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛

Overnight: open 6⅛, close 5.

Local Authority Deps:	5⅞	n/a	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛
Sterling CDs:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛
Dollar CDs:	5.29	n/a	5.40	5.48	5.63
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5-4
Deutschemark:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3½-2½
French Franc:	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Swiss Franc:	1⅞-1⅞	1⅞-1⅞

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CITY DIARY

Cuckoo in the nest

TENANTS can be troublesome, but few are quite as annoying as UK Active Value Fund. The company, which rents office space from Greycoat in Brettenham House on London's Savoy Street, just happens to be one of the property investment group's largest shareholders.

Peter Thornton, Greycoat's chief executive, would dearly love to be rid of UKAV, which is run by Brian Myerson. For it is Myerson who has been harrassing Greycoat with proposals to liquidate the company's portfolio and to change the business.

Superglue in the locks and large barking dogs are clearly not an option for a respectable landlord such as Thornton, who has resigned himself to waiting until UK Active Value makes the first move. "When I sit at my desk, Myerson is only seven feet above me at his desk," he sighs.

Texas-style

IT IS never too late, if the birth of the somewhat unimaginatively named Amvesco is anything to go by. Charles T. Bauer, the 77-year-old chairman and chief executive officer of AIM, which is based in Texas, who has been with the privately owned fund managers since 1976, must be proof that there's life in the old dog yet.

Twenty years on, and Bauer is happily ensconced under his new employment agreement for an initial term of at least four years.

"But I'm a smarter investor"

Rebel HQ

THE 63-year-old retired estate agent at the helm of the Alliance and Leicester action group, has set up base in his neighbour's front room. Patrick Mountain, chairman of Somerton Parish Council, who has £147,000 tied up in the society, is commandeering troops from broadcaster Keith Chalkley's makeshift studio.

A fellow A&L member and UK correspondent for five countries, Chalkley is delighted that his high-tech broadcasting equipment is being put to use. "I was beginning to worry that I'd wasted my money," says Chalkley, who has been kept busy stocking the biscuit tin and boiling the kettle.

Pairing off

TWO'S company, three's a crowd, as far as legal firm McKenna & Co is concerned. When merger talks among managing partners from McKenna, Denton Hall, and Cameron Markby Hewitt, fell by the way last week, all was not lost. Cameron Markby may have backed out the tripartite merger, but talks between Denton and McKenna continue.

Brotherly love

A SIGNED Joe Cocker CD may have seemed a strange prize to offer motor racers at a Silverstone corporate day in aid of the charity Wateraid. But the CD was just one of the incentives donated by the event host and boss of Severn Trent, one Vic Cocker — brother of Joe.

MORAG PRESTON

Brooks Brothers discovers how to change with the times

M&S has seen its venerable US clothing chain gain a new lease of life, says Ian Brodie

The startling changes at Brooks Brothers are apparent from the opening pages of its autumn catalogue. Gone are the mature, sombre figures of yesteryear. In their place, three smiling lads and a lass are lounging against a convertible. Their shirt sleeves are casually rolled up. Collars are undone. Ties have been yanked loose. One fellow has his shirt tail hanging out. Hair is tousled.

The foursome have a nonchalant, unconstrained air about them that sets the tone for the pages that follow. True, the classic Brooks Brothers suits and blazers are still to be found, but splashed predominantly among them are less formal fashions, along with vivid ties and an array of shirts in appealingly jaunty colours. None of the men wearing the clothes seems to be older than 28. All exude the confidence and gusto of well-to-do young professionals.

"There's a whole new spirit," the catalogue explains, and that is certainly good news for Brooks Brothers' parent company, Marks & Spencer. Forecasts are that the six-month M&S figures, due tomorrow, will show Brooks Brothers has continued the healthy trend of the financial year that ended last March, when its operating profit was up more than 80 per cent to $16.9 million after a loss of $4 million in the first half of the year.

But Brooks Brothers still probably falls short of the profitability Marks & Spencer had in mind when it bought the venerable clothing chain for $750 million eight years ago.

Until recently, Brooks Brothers was sagging. It had stayed aloof from the volatile and highly competitive US fashion market. Its branches retained the somewhat intimidating atmosphere of a club for old fogies. Some sales staff were snooty towards would-be customers who wandered in wearing jeans and trainers.

The company watched the American vogue for dress-down Fridays pass it by, disdaining to promote the stylishly casual clothes that became acceptable in many workplaces. Maintaining inventory was a scattershot affair. Choice of products was meagre. Faithful customers joked that they could have any colour of dress shirt they wanted, provided it was blue or white.

The situation was so bad that Brooks Brothers staff were worried that Marks & Spencer would cut the company adrift, leaving it to sink. It was a gloomy time for a firm that was synonymous with refinement and still enjoyed an enviable reputation for offering conservative clothing to a fastidious clientele that included some of the best-known and best-dressed men of their time.

When Henry Brooks opened for business in lower Manhattan in 1818 he promised quality merchandise for customers who would seek out and appreciate its value. Little else is known about Brooks, other than a prior stint as a grocer. But when his four sons inherited the business they changed its name to Brooks Brothers and agreed to follow their father's philosophy. Their designs caught on quickly. In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln wore a Brooks Brothers frock-coat to his second inauguration and, again, five weeks later, when he was assassinated.

Vanderbilts, Rockefellers, Astors and Morgans were among the tycoons who relied on Brooks Brothers for their tailoring. Regulars from Hollywood included Cary Grant, Fred Astaire, Clark Gable and Gary Cooper. The Duke of Windsor went to Brooks Brothers for his dressing gowns. Both Bill Clinton and Bob Dole are among today's customers. So is Colin Powell.

Yet by the time Chris Littmoden arrived in New York from London two years ago as director of Marks & Spencer North America it was apparent that management was steeped in a culture that was not moving with the times. As he admits, Brooks Brothers had older customers it wanted to keep, but it was not addressing the issue of how to attract younger customers. In the inevitable shake-up, a new management team was installed under a new chief executive, Joe Gromek, who was poached from another big retailer.

The Littmoden-Gromek team focused on three areas. First, they improved product lines, introducing new shirts and ties in lime greens, lilacs and pinks. With the help of Marks & Spencer, they found fabrics that would wear better and last longer. They softened the silhouette of the Brooks Brothers suit and gave it a tighter weave so that travel creases would fall out more easily.

Secondly, they tackled service. Sales staff were retrained to be more customer-friendly and were taught to suggest ties and shirts to go with a suit as a way of increasing the items sold per transaction. The shops were also made more light and airy. Thirdly, merchandise availability was overhauled with the establishment of a central distribution centre and a guarantee to branches that out-of-stock items would be replaced within 48 hours.

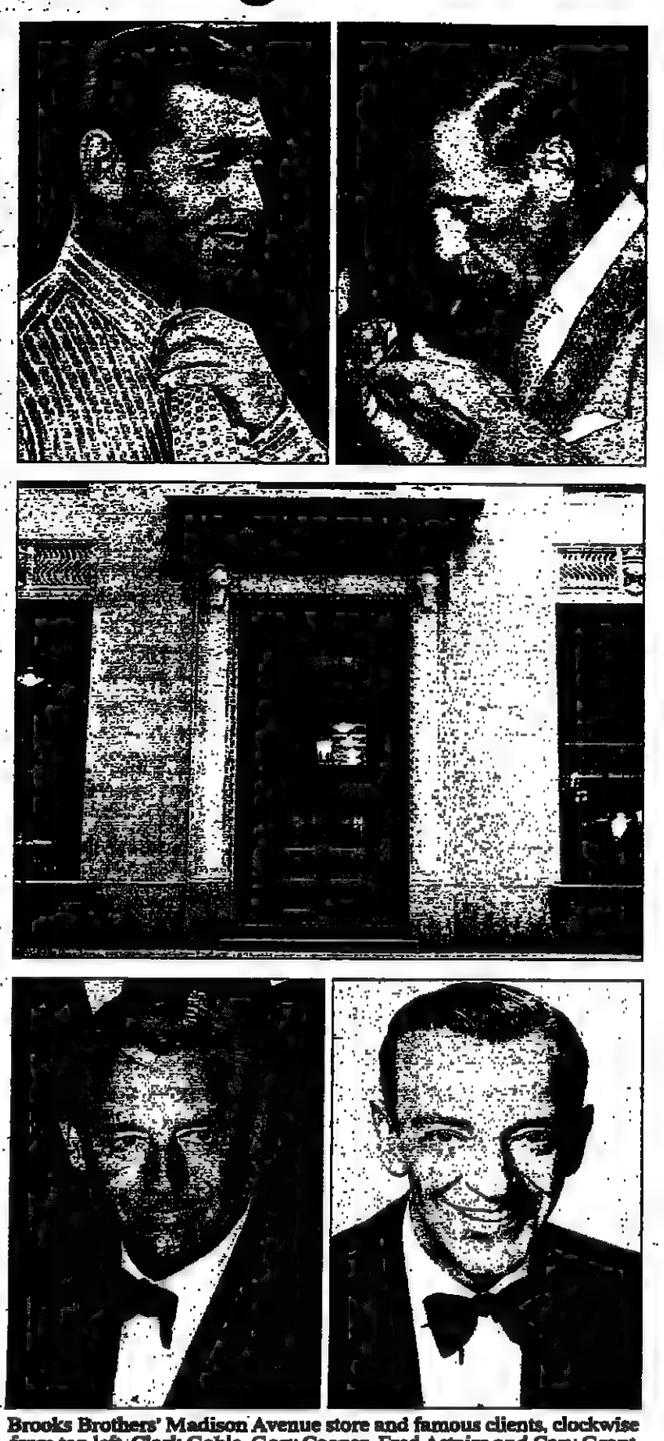
Separate management teams were created for each of the company's four profit centres: the chain of retail shops in the US which, with eight new openings since May, now numbers 69, up from 50 when Marks & Spencer took over; the 41 so-called factory outlet stores, mostly in holiday venues, which sell cheaper merchandise; the direct-mail business; and the Brooks Brothers chain in Japan and South Korea.

Revamping an icon was not easy and is far from finished. Mr Littmoden said: "We're not 100 per cent there yet, but we're 1,000 per cent better than we were." Much more attention must be paid to women's clothes, still treated as an afterthought. The catalogue needs work if it is to compete with the urbane and appealing publications of Lands' End and other US direct-mail giants. Brooks Brothers must also venture into more aggressive advertising.

There was understandable nervousness that the company's core market of loyal shoppers would be upset by change. By and large they were not. It turns out that many of today's old fogies no longer want to dress like old fogies.

Delving into the company's archives, the new team was surprised to discover that Brooks Brothers has a history of innovation, without fear of new colours and patterns. This year's popular ties with horizontal stripes were found in a Brooks Brothers catalogue of 50 years ago. The company pioneered the two-button suit in 1961, wash-and-wear suits in 1953, three-button suits in 1930 and, most famously of all, button-down shirts as long ago as 1896.

This precedent of setting fashion, rather than following it, ought to be a mantra for Brooks Brothers if recent gains are to be sustained. There could even be an unexpected advantage for the parent company. Wendy Liebmann, a retail analyst with WSL Marketing in New York, says that Brooks Brothers' merchandise is now sufficiently unstuffy to be shipped across the Atlantic to liven up the sales racks of Marks & Spencer, which she reckons has lost its design edge.



Brooks Brothers' Madison Avenue store and famous clients, clockwise from top left, Clark Gable, Gary Cooper, Fred Astaire and Cary Grant

ROGER BOOTLE

Strong pound? No problem

Sterling soars: officials welcome the stronger pound; exporters say they can cope. Haven't we been here before?

Only five years ago, before Britain left the ERM, the economy was in a parlous state. The Treasury and Bank of England told us that if we broke the fixed link with the mark and opted for a lower exchange rate, inflation and interest rates would rise and there would be no lasting gain in real output. Most forecasters and dealers agreed.

Soon after we came out, however, the economy improved. Inflation and interest rates fell. Output grew and unemployment began falling. Exports were in the vanguard of the recovery. Can anyone seriously suggest anything like this would have been possible without the shift to a much lower exchange rate?

Yet here we are again, gradually, willingly, giving up the competitive pound that has brought so many advantages. Since the start of the year, sterling has risen by 9 per cent on its trade-weighted index, by 11 per cent against the mark and by 16 per cent against the yen.

We are told exporters "can cope with" a strong pound, pushing DM2.50, and that changes of 10 per cent in the rate this year don't really matter. A strange view that sees a quarter per cent change in interest rates as very significant but dismisses a 10 per cent change in exchange rates.

It should come as no surprise that many exporters say that they "can cope with" the current exchange rate. The ones who are there to give answers are those who have survived the various onslaughts of the last 20 years (and before). The ones who could not cope have withdrawn or gone bust.

Moreover, conditioned by their experience to expect the worst, the survivors have limited their operations to the grossly profitable. No bold forays into new markets, no extra capacity to increase output for overseas sales. These are the firms which, when faced with a super-competitive pound after we left the ERM, were tempted to enjoy a nice increase in margins rather than fight for a larger market share.

Is it any wonder? They have learned from bitter experience that under this Government, the battle against inflation puts them in the trenches, while consumers, like First World War generals, live it up in their chateaux well behind the lines.

For the current official attitude to sterling is nothing new. In 1979-81, the pound soared to ridiculous levels, accompanied by a strange mixture of official indifference and encouragement. Large parts of manufacturing were wiped out. In the economic recovery of the 1980s, manufacturing staged a revival but when the effects of the consumer boom had to be quelled, the authorities encourage sterling higher and then locked-in the high rate by joining the ERM. Then they clung on to the over-valued rate even as the economy teetered on the brink of collapse.

In fact the authorities were following a still older tradition. In 1925, they had tried to beat wages down by returning to the Gold Standard at the old parity. In 1964-7 they desperately clung on to an overvalued pound.

You might think that the current apparent lack of official concern about competitiveness is due to the extra-strong performance of our trading companies. But you would be wrong. Britain will record a current account deficit this year, the 11th in succession.

But haven't the Germans and Japanese done well by having strong currencies, I hear you ask? No, their post-war success story is one of operating with *under*-valued currencies which were allowed to appreciate *behind* the underlying improvement in productivity, thereby creating a favourable dynamic.

What can the Chancellor do about the strong pound? Go easy on rate rises — *and* on tax cuts. Whether last week's rate rise will prove to be justified, and whether rates have to go higher still, will partly depend on whether Mr Clarke gives large tax cuts in the Budget. If he does, we could be in for another bout of *super*-strong sterling. Anyone with a care for Britain's future, will hope he refrains.

Roger Bootle is Chief Economist of the HSBC Group. His book, The Death of Inflation, *was published recently by Nicholas Brealey. Janet Bush is on holiday*

Lord Alexander on the location of the Oxford business school

Why management must win the day

Today Oxford University's Congregation — its Parliament — will vote on whether the university's new business school should be allocated a central site for a prestigious new building. I hope for the sake of the university's credibility and Britain's competitiveness that the Fawkes tendency does not gain the upper hand.

Oxford has traditionally viewed business as a poor relation to the learned professions. But attitudes are changing rapidly and it is now widely recognised in the university that Britain needs business and management skills of the very highest quality if it is to prosper in the even more competitive world of the next century. The standard of business leadership in this country is already rising with the current generation of 45 to 55-year-old chief executives, such as Robert Ayling of British Airways, Niall Fitzgerald of Unilever, Martin Taylor of Barclays, Derek Wanless of NatWest and Bob Wilson of RTZ. But we have to look beyond them and prepare their successors. It is not clear that Britain or indeed Europe is yet adequately equipped to do that.

Business schools in the US have long been powerhouses of that country's conspicuous economic success. They have been — and continue to be — buttressed by generous individual donations in the great tradition of US philanthropists. America turns out some 78,000 MBAs each year. Aside from Insead, LBS and IMD in Lausanne, Europe does not have business schools of international repute on a par with the best American schools.

To its credit, Oxford has recognised the challenge and decided it wants to have a business school to match the world's best. In reaching that decision, it has set out to make the most of Oxford's strengths. In 1988 a committee, chaired by Sir Claus Moser, the distinguished educationalist, recommended that the university should make a major commitment to the field of management education. He described management studies as a "meeting point" for important academic disciplines which can be studied rigorously in relation to each other while being related to real world issues. He is right. Management studies should not exist in a vacuum. It is crucial that they be fully integrated into the university.

This emphasis on integrating management education is what will make Oxford different from its international rivals. None of these excellent institutions is effectively an integral part of a university. Oxford recognises that tomorrow's business leaders need to understand a broader picture beyond traditional management skills. It will also bring to bear the strengths of the university's collegiate and tutorial systems in a new field.

A start has already been made with the School of Management, with close links to Templeton College. But Oxford is now moving into the next phase. An excellent business school faculty is being created, led as director by Professor John Kay. He brings a rare double of significant success in both the academic and business world.

But if the vision of a world-class business school is to be fully realised, the school must have a clear identity and presence of its own. That translates into a need for a substantial state-of-the-art building and a central location, to emphasise its position at the heart of the university. As a latecomer in a highly competitive field of business studies, Oxford has to make the most of what it has to offer if it wants to attract the best. A central site is a key part of that. A fringe location would give the impression that the university regards business studies as a fringe activity.

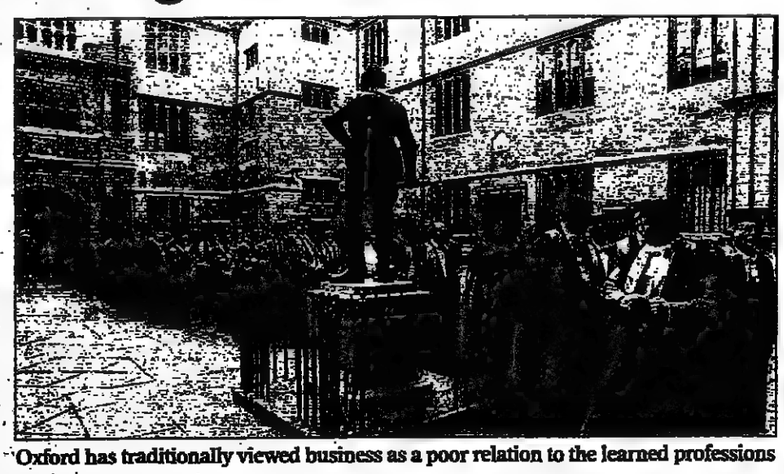
Now the university also has the funds — or most of them — needed to proceed, thanks to the £20 million gift from Wafic Said, an established benefactor of Oxford and the Royal Shakespeare Company. It is one of the single most generous private donations to British education. Taken with the £8 million the university itself has already raised, it should ensure that the business school has a building commensurate with its ambitions. An architectural competition has been held and a leading British partnership has submitted the winning design.

The decision to be taken by Congregation today is the last internal hurdle which the university has to cross: that is allocating the central site which the school needs. The proposal put forward involves building on a playing field — though in the midst of existing college and faculty buildings. I can understand why some members of the university will only agree to this sacrifice with a heavy heart. But if the proposal were to fail, it would be a slap in the face to the university's leadership, which has championed the cause of a business school with vision and commitment. And especially in the aftermath of the Flick affair, it would badly, perhaps irretrievably, damage the university's ability to attract private donors in future.

The business school will bring benefits not just to the university but to the City of Oxford and its surrounds. If it succeeds in establishing an international reputation, the likelihood is that more businesses will locate in Oxford, just as Cambridge has attracted science-based businesses and research bodies. That has been the experience of many American business schools.

As a trustee and a keen supporter of the foundation formed to support the school, I believe a positive decision today will give a dramatic boost to management studies in this country and will best serve the interests of both the university and the City of Oxford.

Lord Alexander of Weedon is chairman of NatWest and a trustee of the Said Business School Foundation



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Trial result hits British Biotech share price

By Fraser Nelson

THE latest results from the clinical trials of British Biotech's anti-cancer drug disappointed the stock market yesterday, prompting a fall in the company's share price from 229p to 207½p.

British Biotech said the results showed that Marimastat, a potential blockbuster, was still making strong progress. But some investors wanted more solid news.

The new data included the first results from treating gastric cancer. Four out of 14 patients treated with Marimastat showed firm signs of recovery, as their blood cells produced a protective shield against the cancer. A further trial involving 300 gastric cancer patients is about to begin.

The tests also found that Marimastat produced a positive response among victims of colorectal cancer. For the first time, the tests showed a relationship between use of the drugs and survival rates of its patients. James Noble, British Biotech's finance director, said: "The results are as encouraging as we could have hoped at this stage."

However, some analysts expressed concern that most of the tests gauged the progression of the disease by measuring the level of cancer-specific antigens. While there is a high co-relation between the levels of antigens and of cancer, British Biotech cannot use antigen data for its licensing submission. The company itself said that the tests were not conducted in accordance with guidelines laid down by the US Food & Drug Administration. It said the results should be treated with caution.

However, Mr Noble said the results had underlined the logic behind the company's £143 million rights issue in July. He said: "When we raised the money in July, we forecast that we would have started three phase three tests by the end of the year. We have now started four."

The next stage of the Marimastat tests will use the survival rate of its patients as a yardstick of the drug's effectiveness. The phase three tests, the results of which are not expected until 1998, will monitor two groups of patients — one treated with the real drug while another is given dummy pills. The tests are dubbed "double blind" experiments, as neither patients nor doctors will be aware which group is being given the real medicine.

If Marimastat secures official approval, it is estimated that its annual sales could reach $1 billion by the turn of the century. In the year to April 30, British Biotech made a loss of £25.1 million.

Dixons buys mail order firm for £10m

DIXONS, the retailer, has acquired a specialist computer mail order company for £9.7 million in loan notes and cash (Sarah Cunningham writes).

John Clare, Dixons chief executive, said DNCS, the company acquired, would be used by PC World, Dixon's computer offshoot, to supply business customers. "PC World has generated a lot of business accounts, but we have not had the systems or expertise to manage the accounts," he said. The business-to-business computer supplies market is worth £3 billion, Mr Clare said.

DNCS, based in Heywood, Manchester, had turnover last year of £25 million. It employs 130 people and Dixons plans to increase staff numbers.

Bad timing: Peter Thornton, Greycoat chief executive, says it is too early to sell its assets

Greycoat counters portfolio sale plan

By Carl Mortished

GREYCOAT has launched a counter-offensive against a proposal from UK Active Value, its main investor, to liquidate its property portfolio. The central London property group said the proposed "closing down sale" was flawed and and would fail to secure shareholder value.

Greycoat yesterday forecast a 50 per cent rise in the annual dividend to 1.2p per share on a 123 per cent rise in half-year pre-tax profits to £3.8 million. UKAV has requisitioned a meeting on November 14 to vote on the proposed sell-off.

Peter Thornton, Greycoat chief executive, said UKAV's proposal was badly timed and investors would miss out on growth just as City office rents were beginning to rise. Greycoat's main asset is the £200 million Embankment Place office development above Charing Cross station.

Let to Coopers & Lybrand at £45 per sq ft, the property is well above current rental values of about £30 in the area. Mr Thornton thinks it will be 18 months before the property will be saleable as a growth investment and added a liquidation of the portfolio would depress prices.

"At the right time and in the right way we will seek to dispose of it. What he is trying to do is the wrong time — at the start of a rental growth cycle."

UKAV currently owns about 10 per cent of Greycoat, a shareholding which it acquired when the property group was rescued from insolvency three years ago. Brian Myerson of UKAV left the board this year when UKAV challenged Greycoat's decision to sell the Buckingham Palace Road property.

Mr Myerson said that UKAV had no intention of selling its investment which he calculated was worth 185p per share. He challenged Greycoat's desire to wait before selling: "Why wait until the top of the market?"

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Directors face charges in Torras £500m fraud case

From Edward Owen in Madrid

THE case involving one of the biggest financial scandals of the decade in Spain, involving the £1 billion bankruptcy of Torras, the company handling Kuwaiti investments in Spain, has been reopened by Manuel Garcia Castellon, an investigating judge in the national court.

Working on the order of Carlos Jimenez Villarejo, the new anti-corruption prosecutor, the judge has given the Treasury and La Caixa bank in Barcelona a fortnight to produce key documents. Seven former directors of the Torras Group, which undertook investments for the Kuwaiti Investment Office (KIO) in London before the Gulf War, face charges of falsifying mercantile documents and prices, fraud, misappropriation and tax avoidance. They are: Javier de la Rosa, Narcso de Mir, Jorge Nuñez, Juan José Folchi, Miguel Soler, Fahad al Sabah and Fouad Jaffar.

Around £500 million disappeared from the Torras accounts at the time of the Gulf War. Javier de la Rosa, the Torras agent in Spain, claims the money was used to bribe senior figures in Western countries to get their countries' support for Kuwait after the Iraqi invasion. But the prosecution alleges the money was stolen through a labyrinth of offshore companies. The case had been delayed because Miguel Moreiras, a national court judge, was suspended for alleged corrupt practices.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Emirates places $2bn order with Airbus

EMIRATES, the Middle East airline, has placed a $2 billion order with Airbus Industrie, the European aircraft manufacturer, for 16 new A330-200 aircraft, making the airline Airbus's biggest customer for the wide body jet. Emirates has an option for a further seven aircraft. Airbus won the contract in competition with Boeing's 767 jets.

Emirates said that it had not yet decided whether engines would be supplied by Rolls-Royce, of Britain, or General Electric Company of America. Emirates will use the A330s on non-stop services from Dubai to Europe, South-East Asia and South Africa. Each aircraft will seat 243 passengers in a three-class layout, or 272 passengers in a two-class configuration. Airbus is a consortium made up of Aerospatiale, of France; British Aerospace; Daimler-Benz of Germany; and Construcciones Aeronauticas, of Spain. Airbus Industrie's sales reached $9.6 billion in 1995.

Shearings buyout talks

RANK ORGANISATION, the leisure group, has entered exclusive talks to sell Shearings, its coach holiday business, to a management buyout team backed by NatWest Ventures, the venture capitalist. In July Rank said it was seeking a buyer for the coach holiday business as part of plans to dispose of non-core activities. Angus Crichton-Miller, the former managing director of the holiday division, resigned from the board so that he could prepare an offer. Analysts believe the sale could raise up to £60 million.

Dudley stake sale

DUDLEY STATIONERY, the UK's largest independent office products dealer, has agreed to sell a significant minority stake to US Office Products, of Washington DC. Existing Dudley shareholders will control 51 per cent of the company. The American company is to invest £50 million by way of debt finance. The new funds will be used to fuel the expansion of Dudley Stationery by both organic growth and acquisitions. Since its inception, in October 1994, USOP has made 107 acquisitions and has annual sales of £1.6 billion.

Disposals at Bullough

BULLOUGH, the industrial holding company, is raising £10.75 million through disposals. The company is selling its Reznor industrial warm air heating business to Thomas & Betts Inc., which already owns Reznor in the United States, for about £9.75 million. In the year to October 31, 1995, operating profits were £898,000 on turnover of £13.17 million. Results for 1996 are expected to be similar. Bullough is also selling Hago Products, its consumer and industrial wire products business, for about £1 million.

Merlin cancer move

MERLIN VENTURES, the investment company recently formed by Chris Evans, the biotechnology entrepreneur, has provided £250,000 of start-up finance to develop discoveries made by scientists working for the Cancer Research Campaign. Clycacel, a company formed by Professor David Lane of the University of Dundee and Professor Allan Balmain of the University of Glasgow, is working on "a potentially revolutionary" approach to common cancer treatment.

AN EXCLUSIVE COMPETITION THE TIMES

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Formula One boot sale

Paul Dooner first got a few 200 mph racing car tyres to begin testing his go-faster boots idea

Boots resoled with old tyres and worn by roofers in Germany caught Paul Dooner's eye while working there in 1994. But it was only while watching a grand prix later in the year that his idea for the ultimate Formula One fashion accessory occurred. As Damon Hill ended this year's racing season in Japan as champion, Dodge F1 boots went on sale in the UK, soled with the tyres from grand prix racing cars.

To discover the fate of tyres after Formula One races, Mr Dooner contacted the organisers. They put him in touch with the head of Goodyear Racing UK, sole suppliers of grand prix racing car tyres.

Mr Dooner says: "When I told them of my idea, they just laughed. But they did agree to give me a few tyres to play around with."

From his garage in Battle, Sussex, Mr Dooner cut out some soles and jotted down a few designs. But with a background in selling vacuum cleaners, employment as a motor mechanics and in roofing, he had to invite a shoe manufacturer in Northamptonshire to create a few samples.

The first batch of shoes went on sale last year at Harvey Nichols and Selfridges in London and Kendals in Scotland, and proved popular. However, problems getting the soles to stick — which pushed up the price — subsequent complaints and the inability of the factory to keep up with demand meant Mr Dooner had to abandon the project.

He says: "The boots weren't identifiable as being made with Formula One tyres. What I really needed was a massive injection of cash for a redesign and marketing, but the banks were not prepared to invest in the business."

A number of large shoe manufacturers expressed interest, but wanted a large share of the company. "It would have meant practically selling out to them and losing all control. I wanted to stay involved," Mr Dooner says.

Production of the boot was put on hold and Mr Dooner went back to roofing. An eternal optimist, Mr Dooner, 33, from Charlton, south-east London, was nevertheless on the point of abandoning all hope of finding an investor when he was contacted by William Bradford, a restaurateur living in France, whose son had read about Mr Dooner's search for an investor. Mr Bradford flew over from France last May. Mr Dooner says: "I showed him my business plan and said I needed about £250,000. After a couple of hours he said: 'Right, when do you want the money?'."

Another shoe manufacturer was chosen to produce more samples of the redesigned boot, much of which is made by hand, and the product now looks distinctively Formula One. When launched at the Monza Grand Prix last September the boot won a prize for the most innovative and original new product in Formula One.

Mr Dooner is confident the £100 leather-lined, padded boots with soles tested up to 200mph by the world's greatest racing drivers will make him a rich man. But as a self-confessed hyperactive he is not satisfied with his success so far and plans another range of boots, including some for children, to be on sale at the beginning of next year.

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MARTIN BEDDALL

Paul Dooner launched his Dodge F1 boots at the Monza Grand Prix and won a prize for the most innovative new product in Formula One

These shoes are made for walking

While the British shoe industry continues to suffer from overcapacity, Bill Bird finds he cannot get enough shoemakers to keep up with demand — and he charges more than £300, plus VAT, for a single pair (Rodney Hobson writes).

Mr Bird even finds that clients are prepared to travel hundreds of miles to have their feet measured at his workshop at Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, or at his London shoe clinic.

Bill Bird Shoes provides footwear for people with unusual sizes: very large, very small, very broad or very narrow. As shoes are made to measure, they can suit people with bunions or fallen arches, those with medical problems, or who have been in an accident and those with one foot bigger than the other.

Mr Bird says: "We are overwhelmed with work and my main — and most desperate — problem is that I simply cannot find the skilled craftsmen or women that I need. Nor can I find young people who want to be trained."

He has been a shoemaker for 18 years and started his own business 19 years ago. He employs three other people, his turnover has risen to £80,000 and he reckons he could double the output if he could find two or three other workers.

The company has 600 clients and they pay about £500 for the first pair of shoes. Mr Bird says: "The majority of them have orthopaedic problems and I have specialised in understanding and catering for their needs. They come not only because we make shoes that fit, but also because our shoes are more light and stylish than special-needs footwear usually is."

Subsequent pairs cost £320-£450, as output is only about one shoe per employee per week. Mr Bird says: "The majority of customers are prepared to go without something special, such as a holiday. On average people spend £500 a year on a variety of things they don't really need and they can change their priorities around. When it is a choice of being able to walk or not walking, you find the money."

He says: "Shoemaking is a highly skilled craft, taking several specialised trades to make each part of the shoe. They are skills that will soon be lost forever because most craftsmen shoemakers are now in their 70s and 80s.

"I am only 45. I want to hand on these skills and I want to employ people who already have them. Although they are in danger of being lost, they are not old-fashioned, nor quaint, nor obsolete. They are very ancient skills that are increasingly in demand today."

Bill Bird, left, wants to pass on his skills to apprentices like Ken Burt

Small and going blue

OWNERS of smaller businesses are likely to vote true blue at the next election, according to a Cranfield School of Management study, which shows they believe government policies are best for business. "There is little prospect of Labour getting their backing," says a report of the survey in the school's biannual *Management Focus*. The 180 companies — trading for 10 to 12 years, employing on average 50 to 60 people and with turnover from £2 million to £10 million — rated Labour ahead in only two of 13 areas: commitment to Europe and the environment. The Government was "the clear winner in the all-important areas of economic stability, growth, low inflation and trustworthiness in taxation". Only 8 per cent believed Labour could and would control inflation, while 86 per cent felt the Government had surmounted it and would continue to do so. On economic growth, 65 per cent thought the Government would do better and almost three quarters believed the Tories would create a more stable economic climate.

Entrepreneurs were also strongly pro-Government on industrial relations, employment legislation, ability to cut red tape, making capital available and encouraging small businesses to invest. While not rating John Major very highly, more than 70 per cent of owners said the present Treasury and Trade and Industry ministers were the best for Britain. Only 20 per cent believed Labour could do better.

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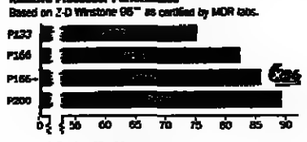

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ABTRUST UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
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Gilts & Fixed Int	131.60	137.70	- 0.50	6.99
High Inc Eqty	162.60	176.30†	- 0.70	4.41
Worldwide Bond	373.00	390.10†	- 0.30	5.07
American Growth	375.70	401.40	- 2.00	0.31
Asian Pacific	311.20	332.60	- 0.90	0.06
Assets & Earnings	206.90	228.30†	- 1.30	1.82
Euro Equity Acc	182.70	195.40	- 0.70	0.81
Extra Inc	25.16	25.92†	- 0.12	7.91
General	254.30	302.60	- 0.70	2.60
Global Opps	67.68	73.00	- 0.19	0.56
Japan	106.10	112.50	- 0.60	
Managed Inc	42.81	50.93†	- 0.06	3.71
Mastermind	166.20	177.90	- 0.20	1.03
US Emerging Cos	202.30	215.20	- 0.60	
Ethical	32.35	38.14	- 0.30	2.46
International	133.10	141.60	- 0.20	0.39
Income & Growth	68.37	72.73	0.01	4.09
Global Gwth & Sel	73.56	78.62	- 0.07	2.37
Latin America	63.29	67.57	- 0.40	
Capital Reserve	145.90	145.90		4.80
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2374.00	2547.00		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 560				
Inter Inc & Growth	60.26	62.55†	+ 0.11	0.16
Emerging Mkts	69.24	72.11	+ 0.17	0.08
Europe	147.30	155.30	- 0.50	1.61
Europe	1099.00	1150.00	- 2.00	
Extra Income	36.70	39.18	- 0.09	6.61
Far East Exp Gro	125.30	131.40	0.10	0.47
Fixed Interest	29.14	30.19†	0.08	9.06
Fixed Inc Tst	153.70	161.30†		9.52
Japan	162.80	169.00	+ 1.30	
Japan Aggressive	57.65	60.0a	- 0.67	0.01
Pacific	81.43	85.39	- 0.04	0.31
Property Share	71.84	75.47		3.33
UK Emerging Cos	74.10	78.63	- 0.10	1.20
UK Growth	54.16	56.41†	- 0.30	2.05
Abbey World Port #	81.69	83.30	- 0.17	3.47
Ethical	77.52	80.31	- 0.17	2.20
Aberdeen Glob Inc #	60.60	50.65	- 0.11	1.52
For ABBEY see Matheson				
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5858				
Realty Property #	99.39	106.90		5.25
ALLIANCE&LEICS INV MGMT SVCS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amdn Income	91.58	97.15	- 0.29	2.26
Income Builder Inc	91.94	97.22	- 0.12	4.15
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 368 Client dlg: 01793 514 814				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	285.60	305.30†	- 0.90	1.04
Capital	501.00	537.70†	- 1.40	1.17
Balanced	835.30	892.80†	- 3.80	2.33
Accumulation	1606.00	1716.00†	- 8.00	1.82
Income Trusts				
American Income	60.95	64.50†	- 0.55	2.47
High Income	458.20	489.80†	- 1.70	4.36
Equity Income	360.20	378.00	- 1.00	3.99
High Yield	278.80	297.80†	- 0.90	4.03
Gold Securities	33.84	35.70†	- 0.07	0.11
International Trusts				
New Spec Sits	208.90	223.10†	- 0.50	0.99
European Growth	51.28	54.80†	+ 0.01	0.07
International	181.80	194.30	- 0.70	0.11
Japan	181.80	194.30	- 1.10	
Pacific	303.00	320.10		
East of America	572.00	609.30	- 06.10	0.12
Private Asset Vol	54.52	58.30†	- 0.19	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	648.00	689.50	- 2.50	1.98
Cons R Bdl	50.90	52.40†	- 0.17	3.89
Smaller Cos	206.90	221.10	- 0.90	1.03
2nd Smaller Cos	198.10	209.80	- 0.30	0.66
Recovery	163.60	181.30†	- 0.80	1.56
Mid Mkt & Gen	160.90	172.00†	- 1.40	0.18
Crown Earnings	425.90	455.20	- 1.70	1.07
Technology	214.20	228.90†	- 1.10	
UK Special Sits	586.70	626.60†	- 2.90	1.00
B & C T UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01283 528 911				
Cabrdd Out Perm	118.16	122.60		3.04
Foundin Perpl Perm	70.38	73.13		1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	89.48	99.94	- 0.89	1.17
International	67.34	72.28		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4342				
America	341.10	363.50†	+ 0.60	
Bond	117.70	123.90†	- 0.30	6.75
Brit Smlr Cos	120.00	127.70		1.75
Cons & Gen #	69.05	73.43	- 0.04	5.33
Europe	274.30	291.00	+ 1.30	0.61
Euro Smlr Cos	125.00	129.80	+ 0.10	0.60
Income Gwth	361.40	384.90†	- 0.30	3.94
Japan	208.00	306.10†	- 1.40	
Latin American	63.20	67.43	- 0.16	0.70
Pacific	110.30	117.30	+ 0.30	1.00
UK Smlr Cos	59.29	63.0*	- 0.04	1.27
Japan Fd	588.90	616.10	+ 3.30	
Mngd Fd	201.30	213.60†	- 0.60	2.02
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8873				
Bnd & Dated	388.00	388.00		0.01
Capital Gwth	130.90	138.00		3.12
Wrldw Opps	216.50	228.00		0.95
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 522 4000				
Balanced Trusts				
Gilth & Inc Inc	431.00	451.00†	- 2.70	2.43
European Bd Inc	97.65	101.10		0.48
Exempt	83.58	88.11†	- 0.39	2.83
500	510.50	537.20	+ 0.30	2.33
General	329.40	350.00†	- 1.00	2.52
Property	246.80	261.80		5.11
Trustee	226.30	240.40	- 1.20	2.30
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.40	100.40†		5.09
Distribution 4/- #	113.30	113.80	- 0.50	6.04
Extra Income #	138.80	146.40†	- 0.40	7.81
Gilt & Fixed Int	94.66	99.72	- 0.26	7.85
Income #	394.10	415.40	- 1.20	4.59
Income Builder #	69.21	73.93	- 0.22	5.33
Intl Income	70.36	74.85	- 0.14	2.43
Growth Trusts - UK				
General	143.60	153.80	- 0.80	1.95
FTSE 100	101.30	107.90	- 0.70	2.61
Leisure	179.80	192.30	- 0.80	0.76
Recovery	498.30	533.00	- 2.10	2.67
Smlr Cos Inc	59.43	63.73	- 0.02	2.32
Special Sits	400.90	429.70	- 1.70	1.46
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	170.30	180.70†	- 0.50	0.38
F East Gwth Acc	388.90	405.40	- 2.00	1.41
Far East Gwth	171.00	182.70	- 1.30	1.41
Euro Gwth Inc	166.70	198.10	- 1.00	0.39
-do- Accum	202.10	215.40	+ 1.00	0.39
Japan	136.40	142.40	- 0.70	
-do- Accum	138.00	145.10	+ 0.60	
Japan Spec Sits	64.08	67.49	+ 0.37	
Worldwide	192.90	204.80	- 0.30	0.33
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	121.70	139.00	- 0.80	
Amer Smlr Cos	153.90	165.30	- 0.70	
Convertible	60.78	65.03†	- 0.35	4.60
Eastern	288.10	309.90	+ 0.80	0.30
Equity Income #	98.79	105.90†	- 0.50	4.29
European Growth	349.90	372.60	- 1.30	0.80
Europe	347.00	370.30	- 1.00	0.80
German Growth	84.40	89.50	- 0.60	0.77
Global Bond	71.53	75.23	+ 0.02	6.20
Global Growth	140.90	149.60		0.40
Japan Growth	181.00	192.40	+ 1.20	
Japan Smlr Cos	149.40	158.70	- 1.10	
Korea Trust	55.21	58.92	- 1.53	
Portfolio	144.10	154.20	- 0.40	2.00
-do- Accum	273.00	292.20	- 0.80	2.00
UK Growth	106.70	114.10	- 0.80	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	96.52	106.80†		1.90
Select Managers	86.11	94.51	+ 0.01	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3500				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	88.91	92.46		
Special Oppor Inc	58.21	61.93		
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	142.20	150.40†	- 0.90	1.40
-do- Accum	163.53	173.11	- 1.04	1.40
Smaller Cos	151.23	160.13†	- 4.12	0.68
Higher Yield #	57.19	60.52†	- 0.26	7.08
Australian Gth Inc	100.25	106.08	- 0.51	
European Growth	161.43	170.82	- 0.94	
-do- Accum	164.67	174.25	- 0.96	
Global Bond Inc #	25.74	28.66	- 0.01	4.52
Mngd Pfolio Inc	53.20	55.23†	+ 0.06	1.30
-do- Accum	54.17	57.30	+ 0.06	1.40
Int Spec Opps	161.54	170.94	+ 0.45	
Pacific Gth	140.51	148.63	+ 0.53	
UK General #	98.63	104.37	- 0.63	2.77
-do- Accum #	105.52	111.66	- 0.67	2.77
Japan	52.27	55.31	- 0.20	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	100.90	104.56	- 0.51	8.28
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	66.51	67.36	- 0.11	6.45
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5050				
Envirom	189.90	199.90	- 0.50	1.62
UK Growth	212.30	223.50	- 1.30	2.12
UK Income	147.40	155.10†	- 0.70	4.49
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 602 100				
Can Gen Dist	233.00	245.00	0.80	1.00
-do- Income Dist	135.00	132.50	- 0.20	3.75
-do- Accum	412.00	436.70†	- 0.80	3.75
Gilt & Fixed Int	40.84	42.92	- 0.17	6.34
Growth Units	254.90	272.60	- 1.40	1.99
Bond	178.00	185.70	- 0.50	7.00
Intl Growth	238.10	253.50	+ 1.30	0.20
North American	264.60	271.10	+ 0.60	0.11
Far East	296.30	316.60	- 2.60	0.72
UK Smaller Cos	221.10	233.70	+ 0.30	0.95
European	94.33	99.95	+ 0.36	0.55
Japanese Growth	42.77	45.35	+ 0.38	
High Income	219.29	231.40†	- 0.50	4.21
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Eng 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7456				
American & Gen	215.10	233.40†	- 0.10	
European Inc	91.81	97.32	+ 0.19	0.43
Smaller Cos (4-1)	109.60	116.70	+ 0.10	1.46
Growth	545.10	581.00	- 2.50	2.02
Income & Growth #	457.50	486.80	- 1.50	3.86
-do- Accum #	691.60	736.80	- 2.40	3.86
Japan & Gen	60.44	64.15	- 0.38	
Market Portfolio	1179.41	1121.30†	- 39.00	1.83
-do- Accum	1147.67	1152.44	- 47.00	1.83
General Gth	127.70	135.90	+ 0.10	1.96
High Yield	114.65	115.11†	- 4.00	4.37
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Conservative Portfolio	101.98	108.73	- 0.08	1.84
American Portfolio	121.73	129.31	- 0.20	1.04
European Portfolio	132.47	140.97†	- 0.08	0.65
High Income	51.29	51.61†	- 0.24	7.17
Japanese Portfolio	67.66	66.34	- 0.35	
Pacific Portfolio	152.84	164.26	+ 0.31	1.08
UK Equity	97.10	103.87†	0.32	3.42
UK Equity & Bd	57.1*	60.62†	- 0.18	6.29
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	182.29	194.10		4.21
Fed In Sec	152.79	158.43		9.03
CDF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	761.63	773.15		4.37
Investment Acc	1235.11	1235.61		
Fixed Int Inc	127.09	127.59		9.09
Fixed Int Acc	231.48	232.40		
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Blackmount Inc	89.92	94.79†		3.97
Black Bus-Tech	42.54	46.38		
Acorn Ethical Tst	182.37	196.75		0.45
Cit, Fin Assets	80.40	84.79†	0.52	2.28
City Fin Intl	90.26	94.78†		0.45
Finans Hse Cap	317.07	337.31	- 9.32	2.50
Bleasley Wild Gwth	140.32	148.74†		
J Sel Inc Gth Inc	55.98	58.79		3.22
Stone Gliddens	55.73	58.69†	- 0.48	8.40
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	53.43	56.69	- 0.32	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 777 233				
American Gwth	78.73	83.76	- 0.04	
Dragon Growth	68.57	74.72	- 0.40	0.42
Equity High Inc	89.22	95.70	- 0.03	4.98
Extra Income	129.13	138.52	- 0.04	4.69
Extra Income Inc	76.43	77.83†	- 0.06	7.93
Extra Income Acc	29.04	30.63	0.09	7.93
European Gwth	61.83	65.68	- 0.37	0.90
Evergreen	31.45	33.63	+ 0.21	0.03
General Equity	104.80	111.19	- 0.46	2.47
Japan Growth	44.54	47.37	- 0.46	
Pacific Gwth	64.54	68.90	- 0.18	2.36
Pref Sm Cos Inc	37.86	40.71†	- 0.05	1.40
-do- Accum	40.33	43.39	0.06	1.40
Redemption Inc #	27.30	29.40	- 0.03	6.06
Special Sits	46.43	49.93	- 0.04	2.36
UK Smlr Cos	58.92	62.51	+ 0.18	0.71
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 838 000				
Balanced	80.80	72.94	- 0.08	4.16
Capital	80.52	86.56	- 0.10	2.82
High Income	51.28	53.38	- 0.23	6.80
Top 50	56.36	58.70	0.26	2.61
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	194.47	202.57†	0.04	4.54
Long Gilt	43.09	44.89†	- 0.28	6.18
Monthly Inc Pfio	69.70	61.77	- 0.21	8.65
Preference Share	46.60	48.75†	0.15	2.00
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	141.26	147.15†	- 0.02	5.80
Managed Fund	75.88	79.04†	- 0.02	2.75
Gth Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	53.75	56.99	+ 0.08	1.70
-do- Accum	63.54	68.19	+ 0.11	1.70
UK & General	97.95	102.03†	- 0.46	2.90
-do- Accum	128.80	134.23†	- 0.60	2.90
Gth Growth	198.04	207.33	- 1.04	1.35
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	204.30	212.81	+ 0.87	0.68
Far Eastern Gth	130.42	138.65	+ 0.57	0.02
Global Bond	77.38	80.60†		6.15
Japan Growth	100.34	107.63	+ 0.61	
North Amer Gwth	235.43	245.36	- 0.40	
Oriental Growth	61.84	65.25	+ 0.20	0.37
Worldwide Growth	71.17	74.14	- 0.24	
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Dispos/Fixed	81.78	81.781	- 0.03	5.23
Homeowner Fund	90.33	99.10	- 0.34	1.57
Quilter Fund	156.09	164.98	- 0.79	1.82
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent Ut	36.02	38.56		4.31
COONE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	182.50	194.10†	- 0.30	2.87
Income	73.04	77.70	- 0.31	4.97
European	73.09	77.76	- 0.30	0.93
Recovery	191.00	203.20	- 1.50	2.63
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 8494				
Equity Dist	1001.90	1016.00		3.45
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 680 370				
Fellowship Tst	112.60	118.70†		1.15
Income #	286.40	304.60†	- 0.80	4.00
-do- Accum #	284.40	313.10	- 2.40	4.60
Smaller Cos	237.20	252.30	- 0.10	0.65
-do- Accum	294.60	313.30	- 0.20	0.65
Gilt Portfolio	102.50	108.00	- 0.50	1.30
High Inc Port #	83.58	88.91	- 0.21	4.27
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Euro Small Cos	1646.90	1663.10		
Japan Small Cos	1084.60	1103.10		0.01
UK Small Cos	2309.80	2330.70		2.87
US Small Cos	2088.40	2157.50		0.88
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 577 8819				
Disc Inc	232.10	244.30		3.04
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 527 686				
UK Balanced Inc	173.70	184.70	- 0.60	1.79
UK High Inc Inc	177.90	188.20	- 0.90	3.77
-do- Accum	243.70	258.20	- 1.30	3.77
UK Pref & Fi Inc	58.60	63.25	- 0.39	5.65
Environmnt Opps	98.70	105.00	0.10	0.95
UK Smlr Cos #	70.00	74.45		0.60
Extra Income Inc	45.35	52.50	- 0.29	7.66
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 080 520				
American	173.10	183.30	+ 0.20	0.44
Convertibles #	29.30	34.65†	- 0.04	5.88
Equity Income #	142.70	151.80†	- 0.40	3.95
Eurofund	81.75	85.34	- 0.25	0.81
Financial	69.72	50.30†	+ 0.02	1.52
Growth & Inc #	280.10	300.30	- 1.30	2.84
High Dist #	177.90	189.00	- 0.60	4.50
International	424.80	451.40	+ 0.80	0.11
Inst Cap Inc	101.60	108.50†	+ 0.50	2.49
Latin American	31.24	33.19	+ 0.14	
Pacific	78.38	83.28†	+ 0.09	
Pref High Inc	22.23	23.62†	- 0.10	7.62
Tokyo	205.20	217.20†		
UK Smaller Cos	267.70	272.80	+ 0.10	1.10
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
European Gwth	324.20	342.30	- 1.30	1.05
Jap Smlr Co	387.60	402.60	+ 4.10	
Nth Amer	417.50	442.70	- 3.20	0.05
Uk Inc & Gwth	240.80	258.40†	- 1.00	2.78
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
ERI Director Dlgr	115.42	123.44	- 2.46	1.13
Growth Acc	289.79	277.24	- 3.15	1.10
Income	610.84	653.31	- 10.58	6.12
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7281				
Endurance Fd	223.60	237.90†		1.19
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	88.45	93.10	- 0.27	1.90
Ethical Tst	46.12	48.66	- 0.15	0.87
Far Eastern	269.09	304.31	- 1.06	1.67
High Income	140.84	148.25	- 0.46	4.91
Uk Index Tracking	51.02	53.70	- 0.22	3.30
Intl Growth	138.78	146.08	- 0.60	0.40
North American	143.96	151.56	- 1.00	1.72
Pelican	140.84	148.25†	- 0.59	3.21
Smaller Cos	73.51	77.38	- 0.29	2.88
Special Sits	91.66	96.48	- 0.05	2.73
Tst of Inv Tsts	218.48	227.87	- 0.22	1.28
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	234.42	249.38†	+ 0.29	2.38
Smaller Cos Acc	423.40	450.43†	+ 0.55	2.38
Recovery	58.37	62.10	+ 0.19	1.70
Recovery Acc	60.31	64.16	+ 0.19	1.70
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	94.67	101.52†	- 0.09	
Fd of Inv Tsts	52.35	55.84	- 0.12	0.52
High Income #	39.01	41.81†	+ 0.01	11.00
Mansard	46.17	50.18†	- 0.15	
Zero Preference	45.35	49.12	- 0.01	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	94.10	100.10†	- 0.40	2.60
United Charities	314.60	334.60†	- 0.60	2.09
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callins, Private Clients. 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund		100.00	100.00	5.30
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	27.92	28.97†	- 0.11	5.57
Strategic Inc	28.53	28.15†	- 0.08	5.77
Income Funds				
High Income	36.56	37.87†	- 0.01	5.93
Income Plus	131.50	139.90	- 0.30	3.93
European Income	39.09	42.23	- 0.27	2.60
Uk Div Gilt	31.63	33.64		2.22
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	58.13	62.01†	+ 0.35	
American	314.20	332.80	- 1.00	
Amer Spec Sits	178.60	190.70	- 0.50	
Japan Smaller Cos	30.61	32.58	+ 0.22	
European	234.60	238.90†	- 1.50	0.57
European Opps	76.77	83.76	+ 0.37	0.02
Global Pwr	29.98	31.89	- 0.06	0.35
UK Growth	124.80	132.70	+ 0.60	1.47
Growth & Inc	179.80	190.20	- 0.20	2.44
Intl PEP	47.81	50.84	- 0.17	1.08
Japan Spec Sits	81.18	86.20	+ 0.67	
Japan	162.80	172.60	+ 1.30	
Managed Intl	346.90	368.10	+ 0.50	0.51
Moneybuilder	65.96	70.03	- 0.04	
Recovery	82.26	88.20	- 0.24	1.63
South E Asia	181.30	194.10	+ 0.70	0.99
Special Sits	726.40	772.40	+ 7.00	0.57
Specialist Funds				
Cash Account Units	116.43	116.43	+ 0.05	5.30
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 614 2700				
Balanced #	148.10	150.50†		1.59
Finsbury Pd Inc #	96.45	97.75	0.15	5.04
Cap Pfolio	161.50	164.20	- 0.60	0.87
General Dispo	143.70	145.30†		4.18
Growth Inc	37.23	37.85†	- 0.25	1.39
Private Portfolio	482.00	490.40		0.90
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 388 Admin/Ksr 01277 690 350				
Extra Smlr Cos	149.50	159.10	+ 1.00	0.24
Emrg Asian	131.80	142.30†	+ 2.50	
High Income	21.06	22.40†	- 0.01	10.04
Uk Income #	112.10	119.70†	- 0.30	4.18
US Smaller Cos	407.50	436.20†	- 2.30	
For Foster & Braithwaite see Quilter				
FRANKLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Eng 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 777511				
American Growth	79.37	84.38	- 0.21	
-do- Accum	79.37	84.38	- 0.21	
European Portfolio	661.40	707.40	+ 0.20	
-do- Accum	675.70	722.70	+ 0.20	
Capital Tst	401.20	426.80†	- 6.90	1.50
-do- Accum	589.40	627.00†	-10.20	1.50
Cont Smlr Cos	59.18	63.36	+ 0.04	1.09
-do- Accum	62.96	67.30	+ 0.05	1.09
Convertible	144.90	154.10	- 0.30	5.60
-do- Accum	313.60	333.60	- 0.80	5.60
Emerging Markets	62.18	66.75	+ 0.15	0.30
-do- Accum	62.70	66.99	+ 0.17	0.30
European	148.90	156.80	+ 0.40	0.50
-do- Accum	166.60	166.10	+ 0.50	0.50
Extra Income	391.90	416.90	- 1.50	4.45
-do- Accum	623.90	663.70	- 2.70	
Financial	173.90	184.60†	- 0.70	0.46
-do- Accum	184.30	196.10†	- 0.70	0.46
Gilt Trust	65.97	65.03†	- 0.24	6.79
-do- Accum	96.08	101.10†	- 0.30	6.79
Health Fund Inc	242.00	258.50†		
-do- Accum	242.00	258.50†		
Income & Growth	330.80	347.70	- 1.20	3.61
-do- Accum	368.90	392.40	- 2.00	3.61
Intl Growth	418.90	446.40†	+ 1.70	
-do- Accum	465.10	495.70†	+ 1.80	
Japan & Gen	155.60	165.60	+ 1.40	
-do- Accum	157.40	167.30	+ 1.40	
Managed Port Inc	120.50	127.50	+ 0.60	
-do- Accum	131.50	138.40	+ 0.30	
Quantity Income #	57.57	61.75	- 0.21	5.25
-do- Accum #	65.13	70.94	0.23	5.26
Recovery	335.80	356.10	- 1.40	
Smlr Cos	396.40	424.00	+ 1.50	
Uk Growth	68.33	72.69	- 0.32	2.76
-do- Accum	74.09	78.82	- 0.35	2.76
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722

Equities and gilts lose ground

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
558	410	Allied Domecq	474½	- ½	6.2	16.0
625	477	Bass (IB)	527½	-	5.1	17.7
131	66½	Burn Stewart	69½	-	6.1	-
775	615	Glenmorangie A	755	...	2.0	19.3
496	411	Grand Met	460	-	4.1	18.6
493	435	Guinness	438	- ½	4.3	13.6
378	315	Highland Dist	331½	-	3.2	16.7
803	277½	Matthew Clark	312½	...	8.6	14.9
141	99	Minster W	110½	-	5.1	10.1
2612½	1362½	SA Breweries	1585½	- 16½	2.1	-

BANKS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3718½	2743½	ABN-AMRO	3453½	- 25	3.7	12.7
803	528	Abbey Nat	636	+ 1	4.8	11.8
400	315	Allied Irish	390½	+ ½	4.5	11.2
374½	295	Arc New 2	351½	- ½	5.8	8.6
5688½	3842½	Bank Americ	5534½	- 53½	-	-
316	227½	Bank Scotland	276½	- 3½	3.3	10.2
1012	693	Barclays	859½	- 7½	3.7	10.4
528½	413	Bk of Ireland	507½	- ½	3.7	11.6
482	379	Cater Allen	393½	-	9.5	11.7
5688½	4031½	Citicorp	5682½	-	-	-
362	307½	Close Bros	330	+ 1	3.8	13.3
1575	1318½	Commerzbank	1390½	- 6½	3.5	-
1350	996½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1057½	- 6½	0.5	-
3412½	2840½	Deutsche Bk	2840½	- 9½	2.5	-
808½	593½	Espirito Santo	759½	- 3½	4.4	10.9
1507	1091½	Fuji Bank Y	1091½	- 8½	0.4	-
472	260	Gerrard Nat'l	264	-	10.9	10.6
297½	195	Hambros	254	-	3.7	-
1312	931	HSBC	1203	- 3	3.7	12.1
1277½	930	HSBC HK	1232	- 3	3.8	17.0
471	385	Irish Perm	469½	-	3.0	12.9
187	143	King Shaxson	170	- 1	6.5	14.8
465	405	Lloyds J	465	-	5.2	16.8
418½	294½	Lloyds TSB	369½	- 3	3.8	16.4
665½	565	Nat Aust Bk	661½	- ½	6.3	8.0
726½	605½	Nat West	688½	- 5½	4.8	9.8
67	49½	Rea Brothers	63½	-	2.9	24.8
596	454	Rob Sh Scot	503	-	4.2	11.1
1465	1185	Schroders	1302½	+ 7½	1.8	15.8
1205	800	Schroders NV	1180	+ 3½	1.9	13.4
134	99½	Singer & Friedl	127	-	4.2	9.3
729½	547	Standard Chart	655½	- 6	3.3	12.8
115½	85½	Union	107½	- 2	3.7	10.9
8174½	6131½	Wells Fargo	8164½	-	1.9	-
352½	264	Westpac	352½	+ 6½	3.8	11.4
380	298	Wokefield	362½	-	4.7	16.6

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
90	39	Alnin Stk Hdg	70	-	-	10.5
846½	702	Bass	785½	- 1	3.7	16.9
70	40	Bk for the Brit	52½	-	3.8	16.4
205	161	Berkeley Hse	176	- 2	4.0	15.9
125½	92	City Centre Rest	135	-	2.1	23.4
621	463	Compass Gp	616	+ 2	1.6	29.1
256	190	Eldridge P A'ge	245	-	2.4	22.6
540	413	Fuller Sm A	529½	-	2.5	15.5
636	546	Greenalls Gp	571	+ 3½	3.2	15.5
671	567½	Greene King	650½	-	3.8	16.3
265	190	Grosvenor Pub	199	- 1	3.6	21.1
642	394	Groupe Cass Cert	245	-	-	-
357	280½	Hardy Hanson	354	-	4.3	11.0
3415	2775	Holt J1	2775	-	2.6	14.9
72	45	Int Business	70½	-	10.3	33.3
355	288	Mansfield	299	-	2.5	14.6
325	275	Median Thomp	284	- ½	3.1	13.0
870	533	Morland	696	-	2.8	17.7
166½	118	My Kinda Town	146½	-	2.3	-
74	4½	Paramount	6½	-	4.1	10.8
336½	217	Pizza Express	303½	-	0.7	30.8
438	345	Ransomes (N)	362½	-	1.8	41.0
275½	139½	Regent Inns	272½	-	1.0	31.7
700	601	Scot & New	643	+ 8½	3.8	22.2
355	188	Tom Cobleigh	240	-	1.4	30.8
313	248½	Vict Group	249	-	6.2	12.8
1215	840	Wetherspoon (JD)	1212½	-	0.8	30.9
788	672	Whitbread	749½	+ 2	3.7	18.0
653	578	Wolverhmptn O	612	- 1½	3.2	13.9
407	297	Yates Bros	381½	+ 1	1.1	28.7
650	425	Young 'A'	532½	-	3.0	23.0

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
34½	19	AAF Indn	32½	- 1	-	-
202	135	Abbey	180	-	3.8	19.9
280	212½	Allen	270½	- 3½	3.1	18.3
121	97½	Amec	101½	- 2	3.7	17.1
370	277	Ansell	352½	-	2.7	22.5
495	331	Anwarg System	402½	-	1.2	17.9
245	152	Ashtead	232½	-	1.6	28.5
30	26	Avenbury	31	- ½	3.8	-
34½	24	Bailey (Nat) Cos	31	-	4.3	12.5
58	34	Barratt	52	-	1.7	-
281	219	Bardon Devnt	241	- 4	4.1	14.0
213	168	Beazer Homes	172	- 2	4.4	14.7
349	249	Bellway	332	-	3.8	16.6
21	14½	Bellwinch	19½	-	-	-
641	483	Berkeley Gp	515½	- ½	1.7	17.7
173	133	Bett Bros	151½	-	4.1	8.9
250	175	Bost (Henry)	225	+ 2½	4.2	9.4
133	62½	Brandon Hire	82½	-	3.6	11.5
30	19	Brissons Grp	23½	-	7.8	-
34	19	Bryan Gdg & Sty	27	-	-	-
140	104	Bryant	126	-	4.8	23.0
108	88	CALA	105	-	4.4	14.4
10	6	Campbell & Ann	6	-	-	-
37½	27	Clarke T	30½	-	3.7	-
100	39	Crouch	43	- 2½	-	-
97	51	Cruickshanks	61	-	3.1	-
85	54½	Cussins (Eng)	60	-	5.2	19.1
88	69½	Davies	72½	-	3.7	17.7
220	118	Ewt Group	130	-	1.0	-
23	15	Galliford	20	+ ½	2.5	20.8
807½	733	Glynwed (NU)	803½	-	4.2	-
51	37½	Green (Eng)	50	-	0.8	7.1
370	283	Hardwick Ests	280	-	1.7	21.8
153	119	Hawtin (Sam)	143	-	2.7	18.8
102	78	Higgs & Hill	78	-	4.0	-
27	19	Holland Hldgs	18	-	5.6	26.6
118	39	Ibstock	115	- 1½	-	14.8
138	108	Ashtart	130	- 3	1.1	-
333	244½	Laing (JJ)	261	-	4.3	-
117	87	Laing 4.4% Cv Pf	100½	- ½	7.5	-
11	8½	Lovell (TJ)	11	-	-	-
210	177½	Marshalls (UK)	179½	-	4.0	14.8
197	128	McAlpine (AR)	139½	-	4.3	-
181	86	McCarthy & S	155½	-	3.3	12.9
193½	81	Morgan Sindall	181½	-	3.1	12.0
259½	122	Morrison Const	205	- 1½	2.2	22.2
101	58½	Norcros (Ord)	68	- 1	3.8	15.9
242	173	Pentamaster	214½	-	5.0	24.0
150	85	Pochin	130	- 2½	2.4	-
145	97	Prowting	110½	-	4.1	24.7
20	13½	Raine Ind	15½	-	-	24.2
152	113	Redland	139½	-	3.8	16.4
56	46	Severn Rstn	50	-	2.5	20.2
220	200	Shand Hldgs	210	-	3.1	11.8
82	67	Shanks	67½	-	7.8	14.1
370	343	Speedfit	347½	-	1.1	23.8
199	106½	Tay Homes	187½	-	8.1	47.0
182	115	Taylor Woodrow	153	- 2½	3.3	18.6
620	405	Tilbury (Douglas)	604	-	3.5	13.2
18½	10½	Try Group	14	-	-	-
103	69½	Vibroplant	100	-	-	-
112½	65	Wakefield	102	-	5.6	12.6
53	37½	Ward Hldgs	39	-	3.2	10.3
239½	170	Westbury	237½	- ½	3.3	20.3
8	4½	Wilgreen	5½	-	-	20.7
180	152½	Wilson (C)	156	-	3.6	21.7
473	354	Wilson Bowden	465½	- 1	2.8	21.6
160	124½	Wimpey (G)	125½	-	6.5	-

BUILDING MATERIALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
19	5½	Abingdon*	6	-	-	-
391	284	BPB Ind	352½	- 4	3.4	17.7
114	97	Baggeridge Bk	112½	-	2.9	27.6
42	31	Baldwin*	32½	-	7.7	14.6
65	42½	Blockings	48	-	-	-
414½	322	Blue Circle*	368	- 6	4.1	23.1
97	77	Brecon PLC	92½	-	6.5	14.2
128	108	B Dredging	121½	-	5.8	13.9
673	473	CRH	636	+ 7	1.6	17.1
52	32	Calcitmat Rty	44½	-	0.6	12.5
173	148	Capper	152½	-	2.0	-
265½	195½	Caradon*	239½	- 1	3.3	20.7
132	106	Cavendish gl	124½	- 1	7.3	-
50	19	Cheshire Gp	47	-	4.7	54.6
257½	216	Dyson (JBJ)	237½	- 5	5.2	19.9
117½	70	Dyson R	110	- 3	5.1	17.7
320	230	Epwin	257½	-	5.4	15.6
183½	121½	Fibre	163	-	-	18.2
95	81½	Gibbs & Dandy	83	-	-	8.3
209	124	Graham Cont	125	-	5.3	20.9
408	341½	Halstead (JH)	349	-	5.3	-
321	253	Hepworth	253½	- 3½	6.3	16.9
68	36	Hewetson	60½	-	5.2	13.7
246½	215	Heywd Wms	243	- ½	4.1	11.7
87	56½	Hollis H	62	-	4.2	13.3
501	105	Johnson	482	- ½	0.0	10.8
85	65	Lilleshall	67½	-	9.0	10.6
191	111	Mackay	132	+ ½	4.2	17.5
184	131½	Marshalls	141½	-	4.6	12.4
471	349	Meyer Int	411½	-	3.5	25.1
149	99	Monsoon Tstiles	108	+ 2	8.0	19.2
116	61½	Norcros	95½	-	-	-
67	49½	Ros Brothers	63½	-	2.9	24.8
596	454	RMC Blk Stat	503	-	4.2	11.1
1465	1185	Rothmans	1302½	+ 7½	1.8	15.8
1205	800	Schroders NV	1180	+ 3½	1.9	13.4
134	99½	Singer & Friedl	127	-	4.2	9.3
729½	547	Standard Chart	655½	- 6	3.3	12.8
115½	85½	Union	107½	- 2	3.7	10.9
8174½	6131½	Wells Fargo	8164½	-	1.9	-
352½	264	Westpac	352½	+ 6½	3.8	11.4
380	298	Wokefield	362½	-	4.7	16.6

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
668	426	Bunzl	653½	...	2.9	18.7
28½	18	Bridgend Gp	20½	-	-	-
112	76	Bill Filtrogh	95½	- ½	4.9	10.9
290	245	Cattons	265	-	5.0	22.6
100	105	Cookson	128½	- 1½	3.3	8.4
107½	76	Charles Sidney	81½	-	5.8	11.5
79	54½	Cook (DC)	59½	-	4.4	7.3
175	84½	Dag Mckinnon	95	+ ½	10.0	5.8
163	125½	Dawson H	142½	...	2.3	14.3
434	328	Diploma	383½	-	4.5	13.0
439½	338	Electrocomponents	428½	+ 7	3.9	27.5
314	172	Eurotile (Ord)	181½	-	3.3	17.5
134½	83	Eurotunnel	120	-	4.3	18.0
105	76	Exclusive Mk	90½	+ ½	7.2	10.2
375	243	Evans Halshaw	247½	- 1	8.3	9.7
67	48	Fife Indmar	50	-	8.2	7.8
336	248	Finelist Gp	314½	-	2.5	18.1
33½	16½	Gardner	33½	-	3.3	13.4
81	53½	Glanchester	72	-	1.8	21.3
87½	70½	Grampian	78½	-	4.2	13.5
101	84½	Hanson	95½	- 2	8.8	7.9
202	216	Harris (Philip)	252½	+ 1	4.3	13.8
205½	200½	Hepworth	205	-	2.2	23.5
200	132	Holdings Tstls	176½	-	4.3	16.8
209½	153	ISA Ind	209½	-	1.5	19.0
316	231	Jacksonite	265½	- 4½	3.6	24.4
78	33	Jacks (Wolf)	62½	-	4.0	21.5
260	166	Kwik-Fit	223	-	2.9	17.9
380	298	Lee Service	365	- 1	5.3	11.7
155	115	Lookers	117½	-	6.6	6.8
17	10½	Mclean Grpt	11½	- ½	7.2	12.4
9½	6	Middlesex	8½	-	1.5	9.5
47	31	Mitchelson	46	-	0.7	-
505	440	Nichols	475	- 6	2.0	13.0
349	230	Nottingham	295½	- 1	0.8	10.9
162	108	PCT(Ord)	125	-	7.7	11.7
331	201½	Parkert	317½	-	2.5	15.2
341	272	Pendragon	338½	-	3.4	16.4
211	146	Perry (Gy)	182½	-	3.7	12.1
745	602	Premier Farnell	688½	+ 2	2.1	27.0
180	135	Quickis Group	152½	- 3	5.9	11.4
315	186	RDA	220	-	2.2	27.4
3	2	Reece	3	-	-	-
54	25½	Rowan	26½	- ½	7.4	8.8
4½	2	Ross Gp	3½	-	-	-
36	46½	SSP Hldg	54½	-	4.0	11.1
196	69	Salins	78	-	1.6	25.6
417½	246	Time Products	369½	-	3.8	14.8
301½	123	UMECO	258	+ 8	2.8	21.2
332½	233½	Vinten (Ord)	288½	-	2.8	13.6
453	325	WF Ellis	430½	-	1.8	15.9
55	25½	Wickes	37	- ½	2.9	10.0
149½	75½	Wyko	129	- 1½	2.2	18.3
148	104	Young (A)	134½	-	3.7	12.4

ELECTRICITY

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
122½	88	Br Energy Rtf	121	- 1	7.8	-
677	524	East Midlands	650	- 8½	7.3	8.2
873	585	London Elect	810	+ 2½	7.9	8.8
1175	908½	Midland Gtd	1125½	- 2½	7.2	8.8
515	372½	Southern Elec	497½	- 2½	7.2	7.5
724	494	Northern Elec	698	+ 4	7.9	7.5
308	208	Nthn Ireland	268½	-	7.4	5.8
615	485	Scottish Power	612	- 2½	7.4	8.8
488	402	PowerGen	530½	+ 1½	5.0	8.7
372	271½	Hydro-Elect	363½	+ 1	6.8	7.3
1185	935½	Scottish Power	1172	- 2½	5.1	14.8
910	697	Southern Elec	848½	+ 1	7.9	7.9
918	680	Yorkshire Elec	747½	+ 1½	8.0	8.1

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
582	407½	Acal	501½	- 2	2.1	16.7
311	185	Acorn Comp	302½	+ 1	-	-
1195	1135½	Advanced	318	-	0.8	22.5
719½	134	Aerotech	139½	-	2.7	-
33	23	Anglo	29½	-	2.3	12.1
194½	110	Arbuthnot	183	-	1.3	19.1
1147	1000	Arrow	1125	-	1.1	17.7
235	175	Bakers Hstlr	182½	-	7.3	8.4
408	376	Bath	387	-	4.8	10.2
470	383	Bestwood	470½	-	4.5	10.3
1411	1172½	BICC(Ord)	1300½	-	5.4	16.3
6102½	5575	Blackburn (AB)	6000½	- 15	2.1	16.3
873	526	BR Electronic	806½	-	5.9	44.0
34	24½	BT Foods	28	-	6.5	8.0
32	15½	Cambridge Fwnt	17½	-	7.9	12.9

ENGINEERING

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
363	277	AIM	330	-	2.1	13.8
98½	69	APV	76	-	4.5	-
69	37½	ASW	38	-	12.6	-
457	337	Alumasc	337	- 3	3.0	13.9
175	101	Abrs	158	-	2.2	8.8
201	164½	Arch & Lancy	189½	+ 1	5.9	12.7
238	128	Atlas Equip	182½	-	3.9	15.1
148	99½	Ayrshire Metal	99½	- 1	0.3	7.7
372	271½	Hydro-Elect	363½	+ 1	6.8	7.3
1185	935½	Scottish Power	1172	- 2½	5.1	14.8
910	697	Southern Elec	848½	+ 1	7.9	7.9
918	680	Yorkshire Elec	747½	+ 1½	8.0	8.1

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188	123	Astec Neuro	165	...	2.8	12.5
425	319	Bespak	420½	-	2.9	7.5
352½	274	Bioanic Int	327	- 10	-	-
129½	74	Cine US	111	+ 2½	0.0	19.0
129½	100½	Celltech	101	-	-	-
330	243	Community Hlt	320½	-	3.8	14.9
375½	247	Cambridge	275	-	4.4	34.5
32½	17	Enthrmed	25	- 1	-	-
115	88	Fermes Group	98½	-	3.2	14.2
176	111	Goldborough	148½	-	3.4	12.3
218½	174½	Heritage Tstlr	240	-	1.5	18.3
70	38	Hickson Gp	57	-	6.5	16.6
288	228	Inchcape	265	-	2.8	17.6
138	116	Life Sciences	60	-	8.2	10.5
165	100	Lion Ind	155	- 2	1.6	26.8
115	78	Medica SWA	113	-	3.5	17.6
4	2½	Premier Health	3	-	-	-
149	277	Quality Care	289	-	2.2	18.8
276	194	Schott	270½	- 1	3.3	-
627½	386	Salton Health	470½	-	2.2	20.6
174	120	Wendy (Ord)	140	+ 3½	-	-
231½	175	Smith & Nephew	198	- ½	3.0	18.1
27	13	Spectrum	19½	-	0.9	0.3
180	124½	TC Group	146	+ 1	2.3	11.4
5½	2	Tissue	3½	+ 1	2.7	17.0
280	232½	UniChem	251½	-	4.1	12.5
337	275½	West Hldgs	278	+ ½	2.7	11.9

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1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
428	355	AB Foods	425½	- 1½	2.4	13.0
384	333	Associ & Hatch	350½	- 1	4.3	21.5
53	38½	Albert (Fisher)	41½	+ ½	11.3	10.1
385	285	Bells (S D)	288	...	4.7	10.4
343	273	Bass (AB)	335	-	2.1	25.5
38	32	Bonsucro Cap	36	- 1	0.9	9.2
438	346	Booker	400½	- ½	7.5	15.7
38	25	Berkeley	34½	-	5.3	13.7
307	245	CPL Aromas	245	- ½	3.1	13.5
507	468½	Cadbury Schwpt	501½	- 4½	4.0	17.2
87	65	Camellia Plant	81½	-	7.4	11.9
348	288	Cons Milling	305	+ 2	3.7	10.5
112	71	Compass	111	-	1.1	-
320½	171	Cranswick	203½	-	5.7	12.9
239½	182½	Dairy Crest Group	237½	-	5.8	8.4
444	297½	Delyngt	310½	-	1.3	-
44½	35	Dimbleby St	43½	-	3.6	8.6
44	35	Dobson	38	-	3.7	8.1
80	61	Eaton	80	-	4.1	10.1
1387½	1185	Express & Ltd	1325	-	3.8	12.6
465	441	Paterson Zent	447	-	4.5	-
397	370	Paterson Zen 'A'	382½	-	5.2	12.1
205	174	Pilkington	192½	-	2.3	17.1
255	174	Pilco 'A' Vtg	230	-	-	-
720½	617	Reckitt Colman	708½	+ ½	3.8	21.1
348	272	Reyon	315½	+ 2	3.1	16.7
287	230	Robert Dudbrt	280½	-	3.1	16.7
440½	375	Sainsbury	390	-	3.7	16.3
25	18	Stakind	18½	-	5.1	-
305	252	Stokes	277½	-	2.4	19.1
234½	151	Swallowfield(I)	231½	-	2.4	17.8
236	169	Tate & Lyle	225	-	6.4	15.4
108	75	Victoria Carpet	108½	-	2.3	61.5
102	68	Walker Greenbk	89½	-	0.8	12.5
87	59½	Walnut Wkpdt	75	-	3.7	12.1
235	175	Wood (Arthur)	235	-	3.5	11.4

INSURANCE

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1431½	853½	Abn & Abn	1011½	- 30	0.7	-
2487½	2162½	Am Genl	2225	- 80	3.6	-
22	12	Argyll	13½	-	3.7	-
92½	50	Archer	59½	-	1.4	-
78	52½	Bankhook	60½	-	1.2	12.2
851	602	Britannic	739½	-	3.7	10.2
1185	1000	CGU	1311½	- 2½	3.3	12.3
600	560	Cum Uniond	647	+ 3	5.6	11.0
154	111	Dan Insce	133	+	-	43.0
1866	1545	Dom & Nat	1805	-	2.8	16.2
222½	189½	FBD IE	208½	-	4.1	10.4
198	145	Friedbrch Gen	181	-	12.4	5.0
135	105	Fenchurch Under	134	-	1.5	16.1
752½	612	Gen Accident	712½	- 10½	5.6	8.2
282	218	Guardy	258	- 4½	4.7	4.8
123	80	HCG Lloyds	122	-	2.2	-
115	74	Heath C E	75	-	10.0	10.9
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271	228	Irish Life	268½	+ 2½	5.0	23.2
119	87	JB Group	112	-	6.7	-
114	87	Kin Capital	112½	+	3.8	54.0
341½	280½	Legal & Genl	313½	- 8	4.0	21.7
2453	1937½	Liberty Life	1646½	- 25	2.0	28.4
184	143	Lloyd Thomps	169½	- 1	7.4	-
647½	446	Lloyds Abbey	625	- 2	4.5	13.9
433	341	Londn & Manc	401½	+ 4	4.0	13.0
146	100	London Ins Mkt	142½	- 1½	3.0	38.3
383	111½	Lowndes Lndn	118½	-	1.7	9.9
2535½	2487½	March McLnt	2498½	+ 8½	3.4	-
116	89	Medinvest	115	- ½	3.5	10.9
208	146	Nelson Hurst	198	-	5.3	12.7
113	82	New London Cap	112	-	3.3	30.2
108	54	Outlhurst	93	-	4.7	-
102	105	Quilt	102½	+ 1	4.3	-
57	51½	Provident Tstd	53	-	5.1	-
149	121	Provident Unclr	138	-	-	-
484	403	Prudential	455	- 4½	4.5	14.0
31½	19½	PWS	19½	-	4.2	75
435	340	Royal & Sun All	419½	- 4½	5.7	-
197½	84½	St James Place	91½	+	-	-
192	114	Sedgwick	125½	- ½	7.0	8.9
48	29½	Shell Bonfrt	31	-	15.1	7.3
243	201½	Sun Life & P	238	+ ½	4.8	11.8
115	69½	Syndicate Cap	110	-	3.1	94.5
521	381	Utd Accidents	445	- 1	4.1	20.2
947½	705	Utd Friendly	838½	- 1	3.0	8.5
188	115½	Wstrn Domestic	120½	-	6.7	27.3
26	19	Windsor	20	-	3.1	19.3

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
488½	406	3i	478½	- 2½	2.1	40.1
239	155	Abrdnshr Stnh	237	-	2.8	45.8
140	99	Aberdeen Sm Ws	108	-	-	-
92½	71½	Abrdnt Emerg	75½	- ½	0.7	-
78½	58½	Abrdnt High Inct	67½	+ ½	11.9	-
245	212	Abrdnt N Dmnr	214½	- 2	0.7	-
2300½	2003	Alliance	2352½	- 6	3.0	30.1
332	283	American Trust	310½	- 1	2.2	32.8
519	453	Angle & O'seas	487	-	3.6	11.9
98	78	Asset Dpos	95½	-	4.1	6.2
144	108½	Baillie Gifford 3rd	137½	-	-	-
238	205	Bankers	215	- 2	2.6	40.2

West End set for a sparkling sale

From Baskerville to Izaak Walton, you should find an antique book to suit you at Chelsea, says **Jim McCue**

The Chelsea Book Fair, now in its sixth year, will be held at the Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road, London, SW3 on Friday and Saturday this week and may be a good place to begin the Christmas browsing.

The way to approach a book fair is not with a list of books that you hope to find and buy, nor even with a budget, but with an interested eye. There will always be something you have never seen before, a surprise, a book you have not heard of, or something you had given up hope of finding. Just looking at books and handling them is a way of learning about the people who wrote, made and owned them, even if you do not buy. Not everyone, after all, has room for the 24-volume Nonesuch Dickens (£5,000 from Broadhursts).

The variety of books is remarkable, from what the trade calls "roast beef" — classic literature, library editions, leather-bound sets — to modern novels, erotica, gardening, travel and every other human interest.

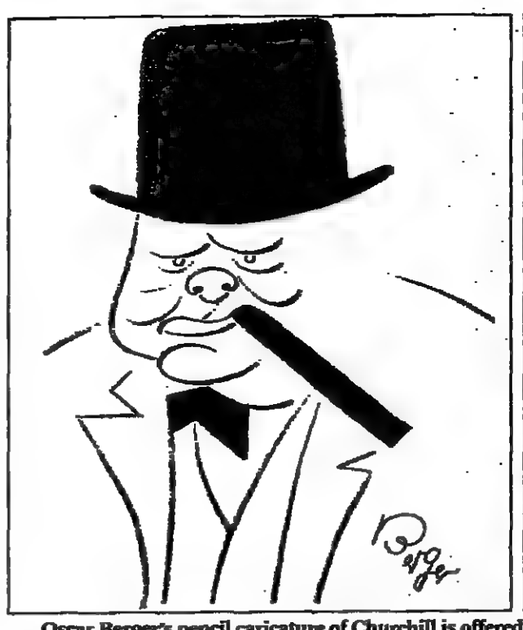
So do not go looking for things; just go looking. Serendipity will provide. And when it does, you will know what to buy, even if you had no idea you wanted it beforehand. I recently bought an extraordinary book about a Renaissance pattern maker, beautifully printed with colour specimens at the Royal College of Art and bound in "Jacquard woven" gold cloth. I could never have expected that, or imagined it, and I have yet to decide whether it is hideous.

> 'Among the 16th-century books is the first history of Wales'

The famous books, such as *The Jungle Book* and *The Second Jungle Book*, offered together by Elizabeth Gant, are never going to be overlooked or underpriced (£1,000, bound by Bayntun's). But because no dealer can know every book, even in a limited field, there are always bargains for the buyer with more specialist knowledge — or a bit of luck. Last year I bought a copy of *Death of a Naturalist*, Seamus Heaney's first book, with the all-important dustjacket. It is the second impression (which saved me £100 or so), but is signed and dated by the poet, who, to my gratification, won a Nobel prize shortly afterwards.

The earliest books, printed before 1501, are known as incunabula, from the Latin *cunae*, cradle, yet they are anything but immature. The first printers had to live up to the standards of the old scribes and illuminators, and produced some of the most magnificent of all books. The Gutenberg Bible of 1455 is the earliest substantial printed book, and is regarded as perhaps the greatest of all (if there is one at Chelsea, it's a facsimile). Among the 16th-century books at Chelsea will be the first printed history of Wales, Powel's *History of Cambria, Now called Wales*, in the original vellum binding. This will be on the stand of Dylan's Bookstore, which also has a series of letters from Dylan Thomas to his parents.

Collecting samples of the work of great printers and publishers of the past makes for a good chase and the exercise of discrimination. If you cannot afford Aldus, Baskerville and Pickering, who are their successors? Early Penguins are sought after. Or perhaps the Oxford and Cambridge presses, the Folio Society or today's private press books might take your fancy? Among the 80 stands at Chelsea there will be letters and documents relating to all the kings and queens of England from Elizabeth I to Elizabeth II (Sophie Dupre), first editions of Jane Austen's *Emma*, £4,500 (Jarndyce) or £4,250 (Graham York) — condition is everything. For the serious fetishist, there is a copy of T. Watson Grieg's *Ladies Old-Fashioned Shoes*, 1885, at just £2,500 (Biltcliffe). The Petersfield Bookshop will have the rare second edition of Izaak Walton's *Compleat Angler*, 1627, and Nigel Traylen will have a first of Mrs Beeton. But I shall be looking out for what I wasn't expecting, and I hope you will be, too.



Oscar Berger's pencil caricature of Churchill is offered at Chelsea by Chas J. Sawyer (£1,250); while Bernard Shapero has an 1836 first edition *History of the Indian Tribes of North America* (£40,000), with coloured paintings

Snips from pages of the past

A book fair is a peaceful place to buy presents, and they need not be expensive.

At Chelsea, for example, for £20 you can pick up the Victorian *Helping the Trawlers: Knitting Patterns to keep Deep Sea Fishermen Warm* (S.K. Biltcliffe), with a redoubtable old knitter on the cover. On the same lines, there is *Cycling and Shooting Knickerbocker Stockings* by H.P. Ryder (£125, Gresham Books).

Children's books are in plentiful supply. McNaughton's of Edinburgh are offering *Happy Hours with Mamma*, from 1835, with steel-engraved illustrations, for £15. Pop-up books from the 1880s onwards will be at Chelsea at Harrington Brothers. Elizabeth Gant and Eunice & Clifford Fox. Those from the 1940s and 1950s are often less than £100.

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Never call them the gentler sex

Richard Cork on the many facets of the 37 female artists on show in the capital

One of the pages from Charlotte Salomon's "visual autobiography" *Life? Or Theatre?*

Now in London, at the end of an international tour that started in Belgium last year, the all-women exhibition *Inside the Visible* presents a highly diverse array of 37 artists both living and dead. Celebrated reputations are reinforced, from Hannah Hoch in the 1920s to Louise Bourgeois, surely the most venerated of contemporary women artists. But less familiar names are included as well, from countries beyond the well-worn European-North American circuit, and the overall mood is far from complacent.

The selection opts for coolness and investigative intimacy, nowhere more so than in the opening section, where the female body becomes the focus of close-up scrutiny. The images are not reassuring. Claude Cahun, whose gender-bending Surrealist photographs are a fascinating rediscovery of recent years, seems to change her persona at will. Bourgeois may concentrate on pregnant women in her full-length bronzes of the late 1940s, but they are thin, spectral and often painted white.

At one point, Carrie Mae Weems appears to offer consolation with her gently swollen caskets arranged on a shelf. Open them up, though, and hushed yet urgent voices are activated within the velvet-lined interiors. One monologue speaks of the fall from grace in Eden, while elsewhere Martha Rosler makes sure that even the most affluent Western home is invaded by anxiety. Using photomontage at the height of the Vietnam War, she shows an impeccable living room giving out on to a landscape festooned with corpses. Rather older — in fact dating from the early 1940s — Charlotte Salomon's book *Life? Or Theatre?* is "a visual autobiography", 200 or so pages of pictures and interlinked text.

Some of the most powerful works take the body away from the domestic scene altogether. In a blurred, jerky video and a series of colour photographs, Ana Mendieta documents the traces she has left in the countryside. They are obsessed with death. Sometimes, flowers lie scattered on the beach, like the remnants of a burial at sea. More often, expanses of earth or snow are imprinted with the outline of a reclining figure, as if the traces of a murder, suicide or accident had been discovered there.

Men scarcely make an appearance in this show. And when they do, their bodies are no less vulnerable than women's. In Jana Sterbak's video *Condition*, a man appears trapped by the cage-like structure he carries on his back, panting with futile exertion. Significantly, though, he seems more helpless than many of his female counterparts. The cut-out figure hanging on Nancy Spero's washing-line sculpture, next to assorted bras and knickers, could have seemed self-pitying. But she grins, and her air suggests that she might soon be capable of escaping from her undignified perch.

As the show proceeds, so the human presence becomes increasingly fugitive. The first space encountered upstairs is occupied by Mona Hatoum's *Recollection*, an elegiac installation where balls of brown hair are dotted across the floor. Moving gingerly through them, I found myself walking into tendrils dangling down like threads from the ceiling. But the tendrils did not bring me any closer to the people they evoked. On the contrary: they reinforce a sense of loss, as if these fragile wisps were all that survived of otherwise unrecorded victims.

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The young American Ellen Gallagher also deals with absence. Scattered among the grids dominating her paintings float disembodied eyes and mouths, taken from 19th-century stereotyped portraits of black Americans. They look at once teasing and melancholy, hinting at individuals whose existence has otherwise been forgotten.

The use of the grids in Gallagher's work can be compared with Agnes Martin's painting near by. Her pale grey grid is far more ordered and pure, refusing to rely on figurative references at all. There is a palpable tension, in this part of the show, between depiction of the observable world and the search for abstraction.

Emily Carr's paintings are bursting with forms unmistakably identifiable as the forests of her native Canada. Vieira da Silva, on the other hand, dissolves everything into delicate linear webs of light and shadow.

The restlessness of her ever-shifting paintings acts as a prelude to the final section, where mobility takes over. Sophie Taeuber-Arp celebrates vivacity at its most exuberant in her perpetually looping, whirling, coloured pencil drawings. Far more alive than her disappointingly inert painted reliefs on the next wall, they sum up the prevailing spirit of resilience in the last room.

Disquieting forms can still be found: Eva Hesse's *Addendum*, a papier mâché wall-sculpture painted grey, gains much of its power from the cords dangling ominously from breast-shapes to end up coiled on the floor. In general, though, the mood of the final section is optimistic.

Meanwhile, a spare, limpid and seductive exhibition at the Lisson Gallery marks the first one-person show in Britain by the distinguished Korean artist Lee Ufan. Long admired elsewhere in the world, he is surprisingly unfamiliar here. But his Zen-inspired paintings have an immediate appeal. Ever since he played a major role in the Mono-ha group, a Japanese avant-garde movement that won international recognition in the late 1960s, Ufan has created an abstract world. A decade ago, the titles of his series *From Wind and With Wind* indicated how keenly he responded to elemental forces in the outside world. But their densely crowded brushmarks have given way, in the more recent *Correspondence* paintings, to a radically purged approach.

A few brushstrokes are now surrounded by expanses of whiteness on every large canvas, where they hover and seem completely at one with each other. Harmony and stillness are generated by this charged, meditative work. Ufan's paintings are very far removed from Western ideas about representation, but there are many similarities between his work and minimalism in both Europe and America.

● Inside the Visible *at the Whitechapel Art Gallery, London E1 (0171-522 7888) until Dec 8; Lee Ufan at the Lisson Gallery, Lisson Street, London NW1 (0171-724 2739) until Nov 16*

AROUND THE GALLERIES

THE name of **Milein Cosman** is probably better known in the world of music than of art, because her specialisation is drawing portraits of musicians. Anyone whose memory goes back to the golden age of drawn illustration in *Radio Times* will at once recognise the style: these fluent, improvisatory drawings, so adept at catching the musician in the process of making music, are comparable only with the work of Feliks Topolski, another émigré who arrived here in the 1930s.

Cosman has now just turned 75, and the occasion is marked by a drawing retrospective at the Belgrave Gallery, which shows her to be as acute at portraying Peter Maxwell Davies and the late Berthold Goldschmidt in the 1990s as she was at pinning down Bruno Walter and Wilhelm Furtwängler in the 1940s.

Belgrave Gallery, 53 England's Lane, NW3 (0171-722 5150) until November 22

☐ AS a teacher at leading art schools from 1954 to 1986, when he retired as Professor of Painting at the Royal College, **Peter de Francia** has been immensely influential on generations of students, though he has taught few to draw with his own passion and precision. And still, in his seventies, he does it: the new show consists of work from the past three years. The paintings still have the spiky quality and curious viewpoints which characterised his work in the 1950s.

Austin/Desmond Fine Art, Pied Bull Yard, WC1 (0171-242 4443) until November 28

☐ THE Catalan potter **Claudi Casanovas** is famous worldwide for making huge pieces which maintain only a notional connection with ceramics as functional objects. His enormous bowls seem always to be on the point of dissolution. You could be forgiven for wondering whether wind and water rather than the hand of man have produced these seemingly haphazard shapes.

It is therefore unexpected to find that Casanovas's latest show is disarmingly titled *Teabowls*. Can this most unfunctional of potters, this specialist in size, actually be confining himself to the small and exquisite form of the teabowl *à la japonaise*? Well, yes and no. Though these works began by being thrown on the wheel, it might as well have been wind and weather that did the shaping. And yet these splendidly liberated pieces still observe the scale and convention.

Galerie Besson, 15 Royal Arcade, W1 (0171-491 1706) until November 22

☐ THOUGH still only in his mid-thirties, **Ansel Krut** looks to be in danger of founding a school. His particular reinterpretation of Old Masters like Velázquez and Goya, seen through a glass darkly so that the result sometimes looks a little like Mervyn Peake, is so idiosyncratic and compelling that quite a number of even younger artists are doing likewise. But Krut's latest show indicates that there is no acceptable substitute. Many of the pictures are bigger than seen hitherto, and several refer directly to classical myth, not to mention the more modern myth of Casanova. The eroticism just beneath the surface is more marked; the colours are as muted and as finely calculated as ever.

Jason and Rhodes, 4 New Burlington Place, W1 (0171-434 1768) until Nov 30

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

CD CHOICE

A guide to the best available recordings, presented in conjunction with Radio 3

HENRI DUPARC SONGS
Reviewed by Gordon Stewart

THE perceived image of Henri Duparc is of an ogre who ate his children: he destroyed all of his music apart from 13 songs and a few short pieces.

The 12 core songs are available from three distinguished Frenchmen of the past. Camille Maurane is vocally the best of them. Recorded in the 1950s, with excellent support from pianist Lily Bienvenu, his performances shine with a natural sensitivity. His Duparc is part of a two-CD set with other excellent things in it, not all from him (Philips 438 970-2). Charles Panzera's performances from the early 1930s have powerful historical interest, somewhat limited by his wife's occasional lapses at the piano (EMI CDH7 64254-2). Gérard Souzay's deeply understanding interpretations sit in a four-CD nest among song-cycles by Fauré, Ravel, Poulenc. It is a luxurious way of buying Duparc (Philips 438 964-2).

Two newer CDs offer the composer *tout net*, with the three extra songs and a duet resurrected from Duparc's bonfire. Both have excellent pianists, both share out the 17 songs between two singers. Noel Lee plays for the French team. Martine Mahé has immediate appeal and character; Vincent le Texier's bass tone is not always so suitable (Pierre Verany PV 793061). Roger Vignoles leads the British forces: Thomas Allen is ideally suited to this music and Sarah Walker is lovely in quiet singing, characteristically grainy and uninhibited in loud (Hyperion CDA 66323-2, £14.49). This is the most satisfactory modern version to go for.

If you wish your Duparc in company with other composers, then Wolfgang Holzmaier's CD of French music has six of his songs, sensitively sung (Philips 446 686-2).

Dame Janet Baker sings four of the ten songs which Duparc orchestrated on a two-CD set, but it is the Ravel and Chausson that really count in the French half: songs with piano by Schumann and Brahms fill the other disc. Her personal, but meticulous performances are what to buy until a full disc of all the songs appears (EMI CZS 68667-2).

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● *Next Saturday on Radio 3 (9am):* A Joan Sutherland Surtey.

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CHOICE 1

Peter Whelan's 'Shakespeare' play, *The Herbal Bed*, comes to London

VENUE: *Opens tonight* at the Barbican Pit

CHOICE 2

. . . while Jane Lapotaire also raids the Bard for her one-woman show

VENUE: *In preview at* the New Vic, Bristol

THE TIMES ARTS

THEATRE

The charm of Edward Albee's *Seascape* makes up for its lack of deeper qualities

MUSIC

John Eliot Gardiner strikes up a sparky relationship with the *Concertgebouw*

LONDON

ENDYMION ENSEMBLE Part of the American Independents season at the Festival Hall, this concert by a leading new-music ensemble is conducted by Richard Pittman. Music is by three of America's most original composers Henry Brant, Charles Ives and Conlon Nancarrow. With Richard Jackson, baritone
Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242) Tonight 7.30pm

THE HERBAL BED Peter Whelan's thrilling exploration around a true incident in the life of Shakespeare's daughter. Moral attitudes questioned, love tested. Michael Attenborough directs a splendid cast
PIT, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Opens tonight 7pm. Then Wed and Thurs, 7.15pm; mat Thurs, 2pm. In rep

THE LEGEND OF PERICLES James Roose-Evans directs his adaptation of Shakespeare's late play, a tale of shipwreck, search and discovery. Justin Butcher (Richie Valens in *Buddy*) plays the wandering hero
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2286) Previews tonight and tomorrow, 8pm. Opens November 7, 8pm. Then Tue-Sun 8pm; mat Wed, 2.30pm

ELSEWHERE

BRISTOL Jane Lapotaire, due to play Catherine of Aragon at Stratford later in the month, presents her one-woman show of speeches and soliloquys, **Shakespeare As I Knew Her**. Two weeks only
New Vic, King Street, (0117-987 7877) Previews tonight and tomorrow 7.30pm. Opens Nov 7 7.30pm. Then Nov 11-13, 7.30pm. Nov 14-16, 8pm, mats Nov 9 14, 16, 2.30pm

NEWCASTLE A friendly poker game turns into a night of psychological violence and bluff. Patrick Marber's gripping/funny, award-winning first play, **Dealer's Choice**, was an outstanding success last year at the National Theatre in London. Contains strong language
Theatre Royal, 100 Grey Street (0191-232 2061) Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Wed-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 2pm, Sat, 2.30pm. Until November 9

NORWICH The Glover family tackles **Hamlet**: Julian directs himself as the Ghost, with son Jamie in the title role, and wife Isla Blair as Gertrude. The first known occasion when the stage relationships have been played by real life counterparts
Playhouse, Gun Wharf, St George's Street (01603 612580) Mon-Sat 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat 2pm. Until November 23

OXFORD Glyndebourne Touring Opera presents two performances, beginning with a lavish staging of Verdi's *La traviata* tonight and Friday, with Judith Howarth as Violetta and Paul Nilon as Alfredo. Tomorrow and Saturday, Richard Farnes conducts a revival of Stephen Medcalf's 1994 production of Mozart's *Le nozze di Figaro*. Handel's *Theodora* completes the programme on Thursday, with Anne Dawson in the title role
Apollo, George Street (01865 244544) Tonight-Sat. All performances are at 7.15pm

LONDON GALLERIES

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ *House full, returns only*
◪ *Some seats available*
□ *Seats at all prices*

■ **ART** Albert Finney, Tom Courtenay and Ken Stott in exceptionally interesting drama about friendship: unspoken resentment and an almost all-white canvas. Matthew Warchus directs
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Rd, WC2 (0171-369 1736) *Tue-Sat, 8pm mats* Wed, 3pm, Sat and Sun, 5pm.

□ **CASH ON DELIVERY** Bradley Walsh in his first leading West End role in farcical panic about benefit fraud, written by Michael Cooney and directed by his dad, Ray
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-369 1735) Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm; mat Wed, 3pm

□ **A DOLL'S HOUSE** Janet McTeer slams the door in Anthony Page's production of Ibsen's proto-feminist drama. Owen Teale plays her smothering husband, with John Carlisle
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (0171-839 4401) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

□ **THE ENTERTAINER** Michael Pennington in strongly cast production, by Stephen Rayne, of Osborne's portrait of mid-century England.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301) Mon-Sat, 8pm

□ **FOOL FOR LOVE** Ian Brown directs Barry Lynch and Lorraine Ashbourne in Sam Shepard's fierce drama of love on the edge of the Mojave desert. With Gawn Grainger and Martin Marquez.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1733) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm. Until Nov 30

□ **THE GAY DETECTIVE** Gerard Stembridge's Dublin success in which a young Garda sergeant is told to use his gayness to solve puzzling cases
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Until November 30

□ **JOHN GABRIEL BORKMAN** Paul Scofield, Vanessa Redgrave, Eileen Atkins and Michael Bryant, directed by Richard Eyre. A mighty cast for Ibsen's penultimate play
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm; mat Wed, 2.15pm. In rep

□ **LAUGHTER ON THE 23RD FLOOR** Neil Simon's funny account of working among a team of scriptwriters for comedian Sid Caesar back in the 1950s. Gene Wilder plays Sid. Directed by Roger Hanes
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5040) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat 4pm

□ **MRS WARREN'S PROFESSION** Maggie Steed in the title role, with Catherine Cusack as her outraged daughter in Neil Bartlett's strongly cast production of Shaw's 1893 shocker
Lyric, King St, W6 (0181-741 2311) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat, 2.30pm

□ **TALKING HEADS** Transfer of the Chichester sell-out production of Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack performing two monologues written and directed by Alan Bennett
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

□ **WHEN WE ARE MARRIED** Dawn French, Alison Steadman and Leo Mckern head the splendid cast of Jude Kelly's production of the Priestley evergreen, first seen at Chichester
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888) Tue-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm.

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Blood Brothers** Phoenix (0171-369 1733) ◪ **Cats**, New London (0171-405 0072). □ **Jeeves** Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317). ◪ **Les Miserables** Palace (0171-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400). □ **Starlight Express**, Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

Beached coma

THEATRE

Seascape
Citizens', Glasgow

Any play in which, just before the interval, two large green lizards waddle on to the stage and scrutinise its human occupants deserves high points for imagination. Shortly afterwards, the frightening sound of a low-flying jet causes them to bob out of sight behind a boulder. At this point in an American production a member of the audience cried "Don't go!", and certainly these inquisitive saurians give a needed fillip to the evening.

The play is by Edward Albee and was written in his middle period, a fairly barren stretch. The programme says it won the 1974 Pulitzer Prize, which I do not want to believe because, despite the credit for eccentric invention, Albee does not seem aware enough of what he is aiming for or how to reach it.

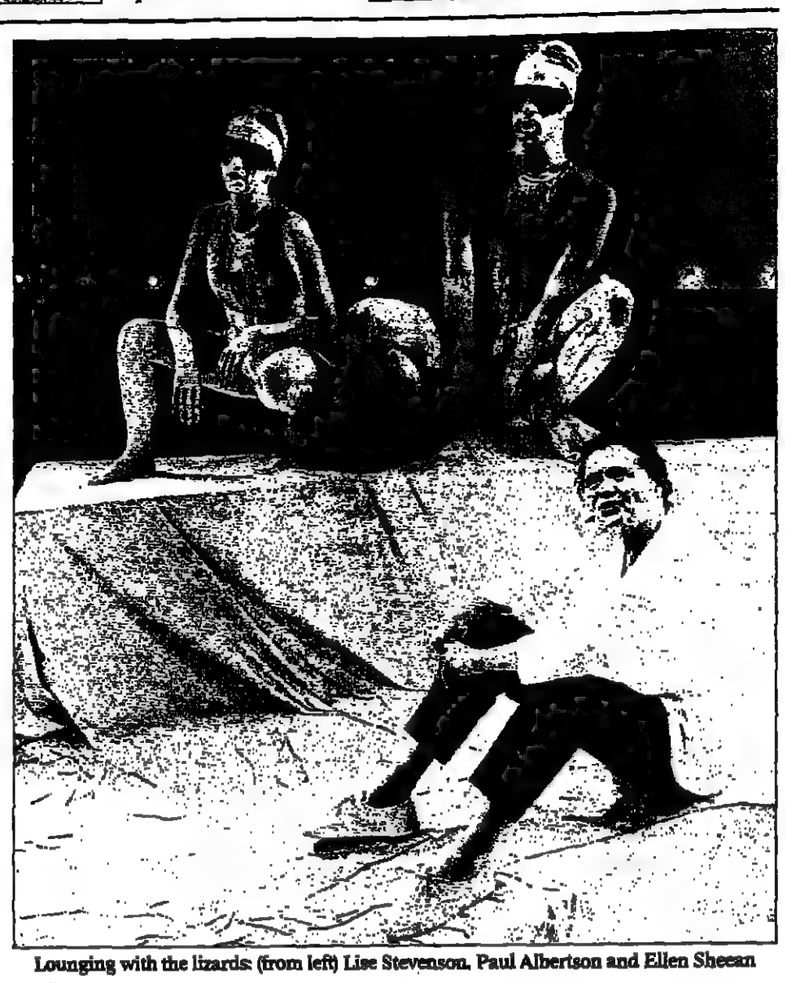
Nancy and Charlie are on a beach, somewhere in America. She is painting the sea, jabbing her brush into the glass of water and swishing it across the paper. She has no truck with the words her husband will later offer: "You've had a good life". That puts it in the past, she protests; she wants to start living *now*.

All Charlie (Robert David MacDonald) wants to do is lie back on the sand and let his mind drift from one piece of nothing to the next. Fat chance with Nancy (Ellen Sheean) rabbiting on about her million and one idle concerns. Albee is creating the portrait of a marriage that has not yet gone entirely stale but is certainly less creamy than before. However, he is not alert to the dividing line between an irritating wife and an *irritating* character. Sheean gives too *forward* a performance, loud and visibly attentive, where someone married 30 years would not be bothered to do this all the time. As if in compensation, MacDonald (who also directs) plays as if Charlie is in a state of terminal weariness, although the childhood holidays when he trained himself to sit underwater are recalled with a briefly passionate sense of wonder and regret.

Then the lizards, Leslie and Sarah, appear. In their paint-drip costume, fine tails and sensational make-up (the smeared red mouth a particularly good touch), they peer and prod the human beings, who have rolled on to their backs to look submissive. The play improves greatly from now on, as Charlie explains evolution to them and they put their green feet on the first rung of the ladder that leads ahead to jet fighters and marital discontent.

The angular movements of Paul Albertson and Lise Stevenson are both convincing and captivating, and I enjoyed hearing Albertson's strained voice, like Tony Curtis courting Monroe in *Some Like It Hot*. The play has not the feel of a finished work but there is a strange charm about it that will probably keep its memory fresh.

JEREMY KINGSTON



Lounging with the lizards: (from left) Lise Stevenson, Paul Albertson and Ellen Sheean

CONCERTS: Gardiner gives the Dutch some stick; plus more from the American mavericks

Cleopatra with needle

Royal Concertgebouw/ Gardiner
Barbican

THE discovery of Shakespeare "struck me like a thunderbolt", wrote Berlioz. No less a reaction will do in any performance of the composer's *La Mort de Cléopâtre*, and Anne Sofie von Otter emanated pity and terror in her performance with the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra and John Eliot Gardiner on Sunday.

Her engagement with Berlioz is always highly charged: here, though, it had to be manipulated and maintained through a long, intense monologue in which regal dignity contains remorse, pride, *hauteur*, grief and despair. Compared with the sculpted classicism of Janet Baker, von Otter's was an anguished woman of flesh and blood, in deep mourning for her life.

This is such a formidable score that it is impossible to resist pushing an orchestra to the very limits of its virtuosity. These limits are considerable within the Royal Concertgebouw, and Gardiner certainly encouraged the orchestra to make its mark.

It had been a week of experimental chemistry: the Concertgebouw's Riccardo Chailly had conducted the London Symphony Orchestra, and now it was the turn of Gardiner to have his way with the Dutch players. Schubert's "Great" C major Symphony was the vehicle. The first movement is one of the most difficult in the repertoire to bring off convincingly, but Gardiner found its very heartbeat by offsetting a springing, steady bass line with the most supple of shifting phrasing in the higher orchestral voices. The music breathed and danced freely at last.

HILARY FINCH

Outsiders look in

American Independents
South Bank

WEDNESDAY night's concert in the *American Independents* series offered music by one of the godfathers of the American avant-garde, Henry Cowell, and his pupils. Since these included such diverse characters as John Cage, Lou Harrison, George Gershwin and Burt Bacharach, it should have been both entertaining and illuminating.

An unhelpful programme, however, told us nothing about the works played nor who was playing them (various members of the accomplished **Composers Ensemble**). Nor was there much pleasure to be had from most of these dreary, uninspired pieces.

Cowell's own *The Aeolian Harp*, with Thomas Adès brushing strings evocatively inside the piano lid, was a notable exception, as were Gershwin's *Three Preludes for piano, stylishly* played by Andrew Zolinsky. Three Bacharach songs at least brought the evening to a melodious close, but an arid, unstructured piece such as Cowell's *Quartet Romantic* had you wondering just what his distinguished pupils could have learnt from him.

On Tuesday night the **Nash Ensemble** presented two works by Charles Ives that once again raised the question of just how seriously this maverick composer wanted to be taken. The middle movement of the Piano Trio is titled *Tsiaj* (ie, This Scherzo Is A Joke) and although initially the jokiness seems superficial, by the end the sheer density of polyrhythmic lines persuades you otherwise.

Ives's *March No 6* ("Here's to Good Old Yale") is a clumsy, rather tedious student skit, whose lumbering humour (if that is what it is) was faithfully transmitted by Ian Brown.

BARRY MILLINGTON

NEW RELEASES

◆ **BRASSED OFF** (15) Yorkshire colliery band fights for survival. Sugary comedy with a few drops of vinegar. With Pete Postlethwaite, Tara Fitzgerald, Ewan McGregor. Director, Mark Herman
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◆ **THE FAN** (18) Psychotic baseball fan Robert De Niro stalks his idol, Wesley Snipes. With Ellen Barkin and Charles Hallahan. Wearisome and empty fare from director Tony Scott
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426-915 683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0990 888990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

◆ **THE GLIMMER MAN** (18) Ponderous and silly thriller with Steven Seagal as a detective pursuing a serial killer. With Keenen Ivory Wayans. Director, John Gray
UCI Whiteleys ◪ (0990 888990) **Virgin Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

THE LAST SUPPER Moving Canadian account of an Aids victim's last hours, based on an award-winning play. With Kon McDougall. Director, Cynthia Roberts
ICA Cinema (0171-930 3647)

LOADED (18) Botched British movie about school-leavers making a horror video; written and directed by Anna Campion. With Oliver Milburn
Virgin Trocadero (0171-434 0031)

CURRENT

BREAKING THE WAVES (15) Lars Von Trier's extraordinary melodrama about a naive Scottish girl (Emily Watson, wonderful) giving her all to an oil-rig worker. With Stellan Skarsgård
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◆ **COURAGE UNDER FIRE** (15) Denzel Washington searches for truth in the Gulf War. Half-way intelligent drama, with Meg Ryan
Odeon Kensington (01426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0990 888990) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

◆ **DRAGONHEART** (PG) Patchwork medieval fantasy about a knight and a dragon with Sean Connery's voice. With Dennis Quaid; director, Rob Cohen.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) **Plaza** ◪ (0990 888990) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031)

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Joe Cocker
Shepherds Bush Empire

EVERY time Joe Cocker plays live someone always asks if he still vomits on stage, so let's get that one out of the way. This is the new, cleaned-up Cocker, and the throwing-up days are thankfully long gone.

That allows us to concentrate on the voice — and what a voice. White soul at its best, rough and crackling, and in 30 years no one, on this side of the Atlantic at least, has matched it. Gone, too, are the overblown horn sections and massed choruses which reached their crazy, cast-of-thousands zenith on *Mad Dogs and Englishmen*.

For his current tour and new album Cocker has reverted to an almost unplugged format. The instruments are electric, but the six-piece band has a down-home, rootsy feel that allows Cocker's voice more space than we have heard in a long time. He describes the style as "organic" — also the title of the new album.

This is the showcase he has always needed, for since he does not write his own material or play an instrument, the voice and the interpretation are all-important. The understated approach of the band, which featured such long-standing Cocker stalwarts as Jim Keltner and Chris Stainton, also highlights the man's masterful phrasing and timing. Those qualities have not always been obvious when in the past Cocker's voice has often seemed to be in competition with the wall of noise behind him. In this subtler setting his delivery is closer to some of the great jazz vocalists rather than the ranks of rock belters.

Cocker adroitly mixed such old favourites as *Delta Lady*, *The Letter* and *Bye Bye Blackbird* with an assortment of songs from the new album by the likes of Randy Newman, John Sebastian and Van Morrison. In most cases he succeeded in adding something to the originals with his smoky, impassioned vocals.

To the crowd's disappointment there was no *With a Little Help From My Friends*, the frenzied, flailing Woodstock performance which probably still remains Cocker's finest hour. Apparently he feels its high-octane content does not suit his current "organic" approach. Its absence was a small price to pay for hearing that voice in such a sympathetic setting and in such fine fettle.

NIGEL WILLIAMSON

CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** finds treasure among the revolting peasants at the Pordenone festival

Serfing the silent film waves

You are in Italy. Nine o'clock in the morning. The rain is pelting down, as it has been for several days. To make matters merrier, the opening attraction of the day's schedule is an obscure Russian silent film from 1922. The title: *There is no Happiness on Earth*.

At times during the 15th edition of *Le Giornate del Cinema Muto*, happiness certainly seemed in short supply. Six hundred film scholars, archivists, collectors and buffs had made their annual pilgrimage to Pordenone, in northeast Italy, only to be faced with hour upon hour of serfs glaring through matted hair in an assortment of wooden shacks. *In the Land of the Soviets, 1918-1924*, the festival's main retrospective was called; and it soon became clear that whatever the achievements in revolutionary politics, these were not years of high cinematic endeavour.

In certain films we could see intimations of the aesthetic revolution to come. We saw some of Lev Kuleshov's famous editing experiments, which used disparate shots of faces and buildings to create the illusion of a narrative unfolding in a single spot: the so-called "Kuleshov effect". But in too many cases the films' revolutionary thrust lay only in their slogans; the plot material and the techniques stayed put in the pre-revolutionary period, when filmmakers wallowed in peasant misery or tsarist decadence without wishing to storm anything.

Yet the Pordenone festival still served a useful purpose by hauling the material off the shelves of the Gosfilmofond archive in Moscow. What we never see we never know about. Aside from poking into Soviet cobwebs, this year's festival also revived the silent career of Herbert Brenon, an Irish-American director whose career declined once films began talking.

He was volatile in temperament, and hurled a chair at the teenaged Loretta Young in the Lon Chaney vehicle *Laugh Clown Laugh* (after seeing her dewy-eyed performance, some of us itched to do the same). But this did not stop Brenon getting plum assignments in the Twenties with such major stars as Betty Bronson, Clara Bow or Pola Negri.

Shaggy dog story: the Irish-American director Herbert Brenon in 1924, during the making of a whimsical *Peter Pan*

In the 1913 *Ivanhoe*, filmed with massed extras running round Chepstow Castle, his ambition exceeded his grasp. But he grew to be an enviably elegant director. Occasionally he had to lavish his gifts on puerile material: *The Breaking Point* of 1924 took the biscuit here (murder, amnesia, brain surgery, the lot). Other times Brenon was luckier: and in two films from J.M. Barrie properties — *Peter Pan* and *A Kiss for Cinderella* — he hit a vein of delicate whimsy unusual for Hollywood in the Twenties. *Peter Pan* has its imperfections, but one smile from the elfin Betty Bronson could melt the hardest audience. She is equally ingratiating as the cockney drudge dreaming of Prince Charming in *A Kiss for Cinderella*, a deliciously inventive fantasy film, shaded with melancholy.

The Brenon retrospective — a source of daily pleasure with not a serf in sight — forced one to consider how film reputations are made or resurrected. Seventy years ago, Brenon was a big name: by the time of his death in 1954, after years of quiet retirement, only the most rabid film buffs remembered him. To bring Brenon back to life, two things had to happen. We needed projectable prints; and we needed an individual or an organisation happy to show them. Brenon's saviour in part was the late historian and collector William K. Everson, who kept screening the Barrie films when others let them sit in the vaults deteriorating.

This year's Pordenone festival was rightly dedicated to Everson's memory, along with that of John Gillett, for 40 years a fount of wisdom at the British Film Institute, and Fred Junck, maverick director of the Luxembourg Cinémathèque. These people breathed, ate and slept cinema; their passionate commitment enlarged and enlivened film history for audiences worldwide, and for generations to come.

Film history also cannot be reclaimed and disseminated without the work of the world's archives. As usual, Pordenone offered the fruits of various restoration projects. For eye-popping splendour, nothing could match Joe May's weird and wonderful *Das Indische Grabmal*, a German epic of 1921 restored by the Munich Film Museum. The film was variously remade in the talkie era: but only May's version enjoys such startling architecture, exotic costumes, or the piercing eyes of Conrad Veidt, cast as the sadistic Maharajah of Eschnapur, anxious to wall up his erring wife in a grand mausoleum.

Exhibits from the UCLA Film and Television Archive in Los Angeles also afforded much pleasure. We spotted future stars in *The Bright Shawl* (1923), a sluggish Cuban story brightened by early appearances from Edward G. Robinson, Mary Astor and William Powell; a film miraculously brought back to life from two brittle, scratched surviving prints.

We also luxuriated in the Balinese rituals and two-colour Technicolor of *Legong: A Story of the South Seas*, directed and financed in 1933 by Henri, Marquis de la Falaise, the husband of the actress Constance Bennett. This travelogue feature laced with Hollywood romance was restored with the help of the collector David Gillespie, whose British release print contained nude shots trimmed in America.

As before in Pordenone, showmanship was sometimes lacking. After the rediscovery two years ago of the American Jewish comedian Max Davidson, more shorts and a surviving feature were screened. We laughed, as usual, though Davidson's cause was hardly served by showing dim prints on a 16mm projector that could not keep even a sharp print in perfect focus.

And Herbert Brenon took a bad knock on the final night when his 1926 version of *Beau Geste* was accompanied by the bluesy wailings of a local group, the Zero Orchestra. Still, such a precious event as *Le Giornate del Cinema Muto* exists to experiment, and sometimes to fail. Exploring film history should always be an adventure.

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OPERA

Rigoletto
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THE *Mousetrap* of the operatic stage has returned yet again to snare new and ever eager audiences. The penultimate revival of Jonathan Miller's Mafioso *Rigoletto*, we were told, would definitely be its last. But the Sicilian bar was filling up with the black-suited gentlemen once more in 1995, and the jukebox is still going strong.

As the Duke puts his nickel in, and *La donna e mobile* oompahs out, there is now a lively counterpoint of audience reaction: from those who really are enjoying the surprise for the first time, and from those whose anticipation of this infallible production trick causes a ripple of mischievous delight. This counterpoint is made possible, of course, because of that which exists on stage: in this revival (by David Rich), superb musical preparation engages tightly with still minutely observed production detail.

The first encounter of the Duke and Gilda still causes a frisson: the chamber-musical quality of the singing of Bonaventura Bottone and Janice Watson maintains it throughout the scene. Still that fitful red glow of a distant cigarette burns its way through *Caro nome*, sung with heart-stopping lucidity by Watson. And watch how chillingly that mass of individual faces in the bar turns to a single numb block as Rigoletto pleads for the return of his daughter.

Peter Sidhom, taking the title role for the first time, has total command of the stage at this point, bringing to an achingly wide crescendo the complex of emotions at which he has already hinted in his eloquent first scene. His final, awful discovery is as yet not quite timed to perfection; but this is on the whole a most sensitively paced portrayal.

The tension within Sidhom's Rigoletto is nurtured by some outstanding playing from the ENO orchestra, sharply defined by Noel Davies's urgent conducting. Bottone's unageing Duke, too, is like a coiled spring: his tenor gleams in its every indefatigable movement.

While he and Jean Rigby's dark Maddalena are old hands in this production, it is Janice Watson's first Gilda. Vocally beyond reproach, she needs only to express rather more fully in her body the yearning and vulnerability focused so eloquently in her voice. By the second or third performance (there are nine more), this could well be one of the strongest revivals of Miller's *Rigoletto* to date.

HILARY FINCH

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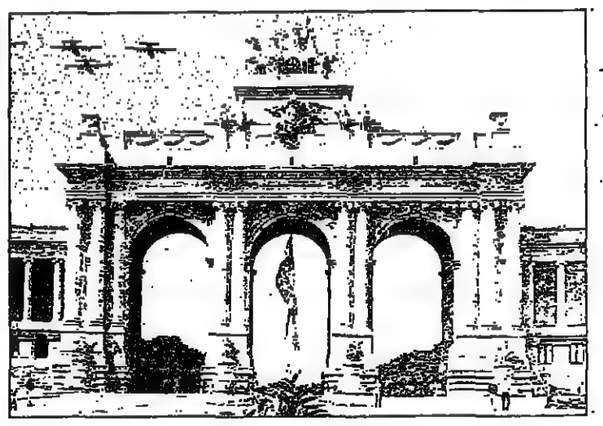

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We still come across a few clients who prefer the Legal 500. They prefer its layout. But there it is: you can't please everyone. No-one has yet suggested that any other directory is better researched or more objective and reliable than ours. By way of criticism, some have said it's becoming rather heavy. Unfortunately, they're right. On the other hand, the Legal 500 is even heavier.

We are now recruiting our research team at Long Lane for the next edition. If you would be interested in joining us, please send me your c.v. We need lawyers with several years' experience in the profession who enjoy talking to leading practitioners and getting their recommendations. Writing skills are useful, but less important than the ability to do accurate research.

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The battle for the Bar

Healing: warned off

ADRIAN SHERRATT

James and Joanna Nicholls: "Can we afford, like younger aspiring barristers, to resign ourselves to insecurity?"

William Healing, who went through last year's Bar selection process, says the system is in obvious need of reform

"Don't do it," a barrister told me before I decided to try for the Bar. His advice was almost prophetic in the light of the Bar Council's attempt this autumn to introduce a better selection scheme for pupil barristers. PACH (the pupillage applications clearing house) was designed to ease the annual deluge of applications by aspiring barristers. But it seems to have given all the convenience to sets of chambers, not students, and, claim critics, may have reinforced the age-old Oxbridge bias in selection.

The Bar is a popular career — there were 1,800 applications this year for 850 trainee places or pupillages. Students see lucrative rewards and intellectual pursuits ahead, but a large minority enter Bar school without the required determination and in the belief that they will walk into a pupillage (training).

The Bar is still having to compete hard for the best. Undergraduates say: "If I can become a solicitor-advocate, why be a barrister?" Faced with solicitor competition in the courtroom, selection for the Bar is tougher than ever. But are the right applicants making it through pupillage and into the profession? Put another way, what gets you into the Bar, apart from hard work? Luck can still play a part. Chance meetings with barristers in a pub, street or classroom can secure interviews. I know several friends from former polytechnics who achieved pupillage this way. They made their own luck without the Oxbridge keys to open doors.

Discrimination still shuts out some candidates. The Association of Women Barristers pressured the Bar Council in 1993 to respond with a detailed equality code, but casual and everyday discrimination will be harder to eliminate. Racial discrimination seems to have disappeared, in numerical terms at least.

Of greater long-term concern is the consistently poorer pass rates for ethnic minority students at Bar school. The school is now seeking to remedy the problem with a survey of students' backgrounds, incomes and even how they previously pictured a typical barrister. Psychologists are inspecting the results, but you do not need an expert to tell you that the public perception of barristers is of a privileged, white elite.

The school's 1994 inquiry into discrimination found that some black students felt "isolated and financially and socially handicapped". So if some students fail on grounds that have nothing to do with intellectual ability or personality, prejudiced Bar students may share the blame.

The Bar as an institution needs to reform its recruitment methods or it risks its future independent status. The leap from Bar school role-playing to pupillage reality is too large. Worse, many students do not appreciate how narrowly they pass the Bar finals exam. A secondment to solicitors' offices, chambers, courts, prisons, probation officers and tribunals would help pupils to relate their insular classroom skills to the functioning legal world.

Today only half of all pupils get a subsistence wage of £6,000 a year. Barristers risk getting not the best pupils but those willing to take out huge loans or enjoying parental support. Civil rights and commercial chambers offer decent funding and get good pupils from which to pick tenants. So why not all sets? Pupils used to pay for their internships, but it is time to move on.

The Bar Council should lay down the law and not make toothless "recommended" levels of funding. Future Bar students will need resilience and courage. Those from minority groups will need these in abundance. Bar training hits the confidence of all but the brashest.

Those who retain from their arduous experience a fair and open mind might in future choose applicants without the prejudices which exist today. The Bar must select from a wider source if it is to survive by serving justly the people who seek the help of the law.

Her husband's desire to be a barrister is proving a test of will, says Joanna Nicholls

Our dining room table long ago disappeared under the weight of my husband's law manuals, but we have never lost sight of our life. Ever since he began studying law part-time two years ago, my husband has stressed that our marriage — and any family we might have — would always come first. He would never "pay the final price" and jeopardise our life together, just to achieve his long-held ambition to be a barrister.

I have always trusted him and had no hesitation in supporting him in whatever way I can. My husband spent five years working in insolvency — an area containing the kind of law which most interests him — while we manoeuvred ourselves into a financial position which would enable him to return to college. The Bar is supposedly crying out for people with real commercial experience.

Earlier this year he came second in the prestigious *Times* Law Awards with his essay on The Future of Advocacy. The prize money was most welcome, but more important was the indication this gave of his grasp of current Bar issues. A few months later, he won one of the coveted Middle Temple scholarships to study at Bar school. Again, it was the encouragement this conveyed that mattered.

His application for the new pupillage clearing scheme (PACH) was, we thought, a winner. A senior partner at a top law firm had offered to be a referee. My husband could list strong contacts at just about every City law firm and though he tried not to overplay his hand, his application looked strong.

Interviews came in. There were a couple of good second interviews and a promising mini-pupillage where the pupil master rang to praise his work. By last week, when the PACH letters with first-round offers went out, we were confident. Too confident? I still do not think so. The signs had been so good. Then came a letter saying my husband had received not one pupillage offer. We were dreadfully disappointed. It is not the end of the line, but it made us wonder how much longer it is sensible to pursue this dream.

When my husband began studying part-time, I was in a well-paid job. Now, freelance and expecting our first baby, my earning capacity is considerably reduced and will soon dry up. Can we afford, like younger aspiring barristers, to resign ourselves to the insecurity of mini-pupillage, once my husband has finished Bar school, in the hope of the big break? And if not, should we continue with the course at all?

There are other options; advocacy in a solicitors' firm, the employed Bar, maybe returning to his old firm. But he is a barrister to his toes — they are a breed apart from those of us who are comfortable working in a big firm, pushing paper for someone else. Deciding to climb this Everest, we now see, was the easy part. It is knowing when it is time to give up the fight which is hard.

Stop judging people by their appearance

Last month, a judge in Houston, Texas, ordered an Orthodox Jew to remove his skull cap before he gave evidence in a civil trial, on the ground that the jury might otherwise think he had religious authority. The state of dress (or undress) of those who come to court, and other aspects of their demeanour, have concerned many judges over the years, usually for reasons as bad as those which troubled the Houston judge.

The judge relied on a 1975 decision by the Court of Appeals of New York that a court could prohibit an advocate who was also a Roman Catholic priest from wearing a clerical collar when acting for a defendant in a criminal trial because "a juror might view differently statements made by a member of the clergy". But any such principle plainly has no application when what is worn in court indicates religious *beliefs* rather than religious *authority*, and when those beliefs *oblige* the person to keep his head covered.

Although it is easier to justify regulation of the dress of a professional advocate than of a witness, the California Court of Appeal held in 1984 that a judge has no right to refuse to allow an advocate to wear a turban in court, even when the advocate refused to confirm that he did so for religious reasons. Associate Justice Butler explained that to require a lawyer to disclose religious beliefs as a condition precedent to being allowed to represent a client in court "returns us to those troubled times our ancestors fled in their search for freedom from religious oppression".

Some American courts have imposed more general dress codes. In 1981, the Court of Appeals in Washington State held that a judge was entitled to refuse to hear a litigant in person in a civil case who declined to wear a jacket and tie and insisted on wearing a shirt with an open collar. In Arkansas in 1990, a judge found a female litigant in contempt because she was not wearing a bra and her breasts were "obviously showing".

Even imitation is not necessarily any form of flattery, as demonstrated by the Chicago Seven trial in 1969, when two of the defendants came to the court wearing judicial robes. They were punished for contempt because, during a recess, one of the defendants "removed his robes, dropped them on the floor and walked all over them. Underneath the robes he was wearing a Chicago policeman's shirt."

In 1988, the Court of Appeal in London allowed an appeal by a defendant who had been convicted of defrauding the Department of Health and Social Security by claiming supplementary benefit as a married woman with three children. The defendant was in a male prison and had a previous conviction for rape but claimed he was a woman. The trial judge refused to allow the defendant to appear in court dressed as a woman "in a frock". The Court of Appeal concluded that the judge should have made it clear that the defendant would be allowed to give evidence wearing female clothes.

Some sensible judges have recognised that parties to litigation may, for perfectly proper reasons, appear in an unusual manner. In Southwark Crown Court in September, a defendant went on trial in a bed brought into the courtroom. Because the defendant was suffering from a back injury, he lay in a bed which was raised so that he could see the proceedings. This may well be the first trial in this country in which a defendant has remained in bed, although judges have given injunctions, late at night, while dressed only in their pyjamas.

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The defendant in Southwark Crown Court was unable to stand up. In 1985 the Court of Appeal decided that the Cambridge County Court was entitled to refuse to hear a litigant's claim because the litigant refused to stand while addressing the judge. The litigant explained that he had "no respect for this country or its civilisation or its courts", and so he would remain seated. After allowing the litigant to address them sitting down (so as to avoid prejudging the fundamental issues raised by his case), the judges of the Court of Appeal concluded that "if a court orders someone to stand when addressing it or giving evidence, that order is no different from any other order of the court. It is something which has to be obeyed." There are similar cases in Canada and in the US where defendants have been punished for contempt by refusing to stand when the judge entered the courtroom.

Other than in extreme cases where the ability of the court fairly to determine the issues would be impeded, judges should allow people to come to court dressed as they please, sitting down or lying down. The risk of the appearance of bias inherent in this context is indicated by the case of the Michigan judge who was suspended from office in 1976 for 18 months for a series of injudicious decisions, including a reduction in a defendant's bail bond from $10,000 to $500 on condition that the defendant had "his hair cut in a fashion similar to that of the judge".

Courts should refrain from judging litigants and witnesses by their appearances.

● *The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

A case of sour grapes?

MARTIN MEARS, who promised to maintain a concerted opposition when he was defeated in the Law Society's presidential election this summer, has launched his first salvo against the current incumbent, Tony Girling.

He and Robert Sayer, the former vice-president, have issued two "fact sheets" — which boast the slogan "the truth, no economy, no varnish, no concealment" — about Law Society affairs.

They harangue the solicitors' indemnity fund for miscalculating this year's indemnity premiums and accuse Mr Girling of issuing disinformation over the vote on splitting the Law Society's representative and regulatory functions.

Recently they sent a private circular to members of the Law Society council in which Mr Mears mounted a personal attack against Mr Girling over the Law Society's treatment of a senior staff member.

Great refuge

REFUGE, the charity which helps battered women, needs £130,000 a year just to balance its books. Much of it comes from fundraising and individual donations. The family law department of Charles Russell — which celebrates its 25th birthday this year — is sponsoring a concert by the Medici Quartet tomorrow, at 6pm, in its offices at 8-10 New Fetter Lane.

The concert will be followed by a reception and buffet at which Sir Nicholas Wilson, the High Court judge, will talk about the charity's work. All proceeds to Refuge. Details of tickets (price £60): 0171-203 5000.

OUTS

Getting together

IN a market that is overheating with rumours of mergers, one is finally confirmed. The Leeds-based Addleshaw Sons & Latham and Manchester's Booth & Co are merging to form Addleshaw Booth & Co. The merger, says Paul Lee, senior partner-elect of the new firm, "offers a marriage of professional excellence and commercial acumen which we believe will be unparalleled in the North". But their move would be dwarfed if another rumoured merger between the City law firms Cameron Markby Hewitt, Denton Hall and McKenna & Co comes to fruition. The partners are said to be on the point of voting on whether to go ahead.

Patent bid

THE Chartered Institute of Patent Agents has launched a bid to win the right for its members to conduct litigation in the Chancery Division of the High Court, including the Patents Court, and to conduct appeals from the High Court and the Patents County Court. It has submitted an application to Aclec, the Lord Chancellor's advisory committee for legal education and conduct, and is hoping to hear its advice on the application soon.

All work . . .

THE American law firm White & Case is reported to be about to pay its newly qualified English solicitors New York rates. However, all that glisters is not gold.

Where the City law firm Clifford Chance, for example, pays its new lawyers £28,000, the American firm is going to pay £45,000. In return, most US firms will want them to bill a minimum of 2,300 hours a year instead of the average of 1,380 expected in UK firms.

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Judge ye not . . .

■ Lord Justice Phillips, left, may have found the Maxwell trial to be all-consuming, but even he was taken aback to find himself introduced at the Biennial Conference of the International Bar Association in Berlin as Lord Maxwell who presided over the Phillips trial. "I will," he quipped, "be contacting my libel lawyers immediately."

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Frances Gibb on how the insurance industry is helping 'no win, no fee' cases

Improved access to justice

Thousands of people too rich for legal aid but too poor to go to law are now bringing claims on a "no win, no fee" basis. More than 11,000 cases have come in, the Law Society says, since the Lord Chancellor's reforms took effect last year — a turnover of 1,000 a month — and the rate is rising.

The first "no win, no fee" group action — by lung cancer victims against tobacco companies — has been announced by the law firm Leigh Day. David Hartley, of the Law Society, said: "Many of these claims — which cover the whole range of accident cases — would never have got off the ground. Many people were frightened of taking legal action."

"No win, no fee" work covers personal injury, insolvency and human rights cases. Solicitors charge no fees if they lose, but up to double if they win. The extra fees — the uplift — come out of the damages recouped for the client. But the extra should not exceed one quarter of the damages.

So far, only a few cases have been concluded and it is too soon to judge the success rate. Typical of those being brought is that of Maureen Falconer, 57, a part-time cleaner who tripped on a pavement and badly fractured her ankle. Although on low earnings, her capital put her beyond reach of legal aid.

Simon Brennan, her solicitor, did the case on "no win, no fee" and won £6,000 compensation from Liverpool City Council. He said: "If the 'no win, no fee' scheme had not been in place, there would have come a point where costs would have escalated and if the other side hadn't settled, then the risks might have been too great to go on." Mrs Falconer accepts that she could not have pursued the claim all the way. "I couldn't have gone to court — I was worrying about what would happen if I had to pay all the costs."

In fact, under the "no win, no fee" agreement, her costs were protected by insurance. And it is this involvement of the insurance industry which is proving crucial to the success of the reform.

The biggest obstacle with "no win, no fee" was seen as the risk of having to pay an opponent's costs if the case was lost. Yet if someone was already deterred from legal action because of that risk, how would "no win, no fee" help? But a whole new market in insurance has been unleashed by "no win, no fee". The Law Society runs its own Accident Line Protect, under which clients — for a premium of £85 — can insure against the other side's costs and own expenses. All 2,000 solicitors who are members of its Accident Line network (a panel of approved personal injury firms) can use the policy.

The scheme is not available for other solicitors though; nor does it cover medical negligence or other kinds of claim. Also in the market is Litigation Protection Ltd, the company first out with a conditional fee insurance for all types of action allowed under the new laws. Some 500 policies have been taken out covering insolvency (a growing "no win, no fee" area for company clients), medical negligence cases and accident claims.

Last month it launched a scheme with Action for Victims of Medical Accidents, which gives up to £100,000 worth of cover against an opponent's costs, own expenses, counsel's fees and indemnity for expert witness fees where a case is lost.

The first "no win, no fee" group action against tobacco companies has been announced

Premiums start at £850 for £10,000 cover, rising to £6,000 for £100,000 cover. AVMA screens the cases, recommends whether they should be taken on, and ensures that cases are handled by one of its panel of specialist solicitors.

Hand in hand with the burgeoning of new ventures in legal services has come brand marketing of panels or networks of solicitors — which can improve access to the law for the public. One of the first was National Accident Helpline, with has about 60 personal injury firms in its group. Advertising and its free 24-hour helpline bring in 3,000 calls a month resulting in 650 new cases a month. Of these, 130 are handled on a "no win, no fee" basis.

There are still teething problems, however. Paul Balen, of Freeth Cartwright, has just won a £7,500 medical negligence claim for a woman after the wrong operation was performed on the nerves of her wrist. She pays a quarter of that to him as the "uplift" on his fees. But the health authority is jibbing at paying her Litigation Protection premium of £1,500. "We believe that morally, the other side should pay," Mr Balen said. "They took an indefensible case and didn't even bother to call their witnesses." The issue is awaiting a decision.

Then there is the question of fees. Will solicitors abide by the guideline to take no more than 25 per cent of damages? David Marshall, of Anthony Gold, Lerman & Muirhead, said: "It's not a question of automatically doubling what we would normally charge. It could be between 20 and 50 per cent more, depending on the risk involved, the kind of case and the damages likely to be recouped. But, if we win some and lose some, it probably justifies charging up to 100 per cent more."

It is still early days for a verdict, but the signs are good. Lord Mackay of Clashfern has indicated that he wants to widen the scheme to other civil disputes but is awaiting the first research into how it is working. Both the Law Society and Litigation Protection would welcome that. "It has greatly improved access to justice as well as the public perception of the legal profession," Brian Raincock, managing director, said.

Ian Pears, of Shoosmith and Harrison, Northampton, who signed up the first "no win, no fee" deal last July (and 200 others since), said: "We have helped a very large number of clients to pursue legitimate claims which they could not have otherwise afforded. We have allowed victims to knock on the doors of the court, rather than try to push open some heavy floodgates."

Are there votes in legal aid?

The public is opposed to cuts, says Phillip Sycamore, vice-president of the Law Society

"If the Government wants to crack down on legal aid, then you can bet that nine times out of ten, they will crack down on the wrong people." That's how one member of the public reacted to the Government's plans for the biggest shake-up in legal aid for 50 years. And new research suggests that this is a representative view.

We know from the Queen's Speech that this Government won't be legislating on this subject before the election. But only the day before the Queen's Speech the Lord Chancellor, writing in *The Times*, recorded his commitment to the reform programme.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern has referred to "a failure of public confidence in legal aid", and its "low priority with the public". Gary Streeter, MP, Parliamentary Secretary at the Lord Chancellor's Department, demonised legal aid applicants as "state-aided rottweilers".

So is there widespread support for government action? At first, Mr Streeter suggested that opposition came only from professional vested interests: "If the Law Society is against it," he told Parliament, "it is pretty firm evidence that we are on the right track."

However, September saw the publication of a joint statement made by leading national organisations representing advice agencies and groups helping victims of injustice. The joint statement condemned the White Paper's plans as unworkable and unjust.

Now, two independent research studies demonstrate the overwhelming public support for legal aid, and highlight opposition to the proposals in the White Paper. Even when attention was drawn to government worry about the cost of legal aid, 91 per cent of respondents in a Gallup survey agreed that "legal aid is a vital part of helping people get justice".

Eighty-four per cent, when told of the £1.4 billion cost of legal aid, agreed that "expenditure should continue at least at current levels because justice is too important to ration". Three in five people supported an extension of legal aid to cover people on middle income.

The Gallup research bears out public attitudes identified in a second, qualitative, survey involving six discussion groups. Two quotations from the qualitative study illustrate the common view: "It is tampering with a fairly fundamental human right for the sake of a relatively modest amount of money.

"If they cap it, they are changing the rules; they can't say we have run out of justice."

People questioned by Gallup were clearly against the Government's proposal to make unsuccessfully legally aided litigants pay the other side's costs. The Government had suggested that legal aid was abused by people with trivial cases. This proposal was a cornerstone of their effort to save money by deterring people from using legal aid.

But the public were quick to see through the plan — 81 per cent of those in the Gallup survey agreed that it would deter people with good cases. People in the discussion groups had been shocked by this proposal, which they found "harsh and vindictive". Reactions included the following: "If you can't afford to pay before the case, and so you get legal aid, how are you supposed to pay if you lose?"

"You will be frightened to go to court no matter how strong your case is."

The Gallup poll found that three out of four people believed mistakenly that there are currently no controls over trivial cases. Only a minority were aware that there are checks on whether a case was winnable or whether what people hoped to gain was worthwhile — although both are part of the legal aid scheme.

Unsurprisingly, therefore, a small majority thought that that an initial fee, as proposed by the Government, should be paid by the legally aided litigant. But a similar number thought that even £10 to £20 would be too much for someone on social security or a pensioner.

The Lord Chancellor has spoken frequently of the need to restore public confidence in legal aid. If he is guided by the findings of this research, he will change his approach. The public have not been taken in by scare stories, and they still believe in legal aid's vital role in society.

People may object to wealthy individuals or trivial cases getting legal aid, and would support changes to outlaw abuse. But they do not support measures which will ration access to justice.

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RACING: PROGRESSIVE FILLY LANDS LUCRATIVE SANTA ANITA PRIZE FOR NEWMARKET TRAINER

MICHAEL TWEED

Stevens raises his whip to celebrate the memorable victory of Donna Viola, trained by Wall in Newmarket, in the Yellow Ribbon Stakes at Santa Anita, California

Donna Viola ties up Yellow Ribbon

By Julian Muscat

CHRIS WALL, the Newmarket trainer, pulled off a stunning victory in California late on Sunday when he saddled Donna Viola to win the Yellow Ribbon Stakes, among the most important events for turf fillies in the American racing calendar, at Santa Anita.

Ridden by Gary Stevens, Donna Viola finished fast and late to defeat the locally-trained Real Connections by half a length to provide Wall, 37, with his biggest success in ten seasons with a licence. Timarida, the globe-trotting Irish filly, was withdrawn from the field after running a temperature on her arrival.

"It was a huge thrill," Wall said from California yesterday. "I've won the Italian 2,000 Guineas with Candy Glen but this is the highlight of my career." Donna Viola's earnings of $360,000 (about £220,000) effectively doubled Wall's prize-money haul for the 1996 season in Europe. She also recorded her trainer's nineteenth win of the year, which advanced by one his previous best total.

However, the four-year-old filly has now left Wall's stable to join the Californian string of Ben Cecil, nephew of Henry. In a deal negotiated by bloodstock agent Andy Smith, Donna Viola was sold to London-based broker Gary Tanaka after her victory in the Prix de l'Opera at Longchamp last month.

Wall indicated that the prize-money won by Donna Viola did not redeem Tanaka's outlay, but there is no doubting she would fetch considerably more on the market now. Wall had never before encountered Tanaka, who annually purchases two or three high-class European horses for export to California.

"I met Mr Tanaka for the first time when we had lunch on Saturday," Wall said. "He has some good horses with Ben, whom I knew when he worked in Newmarket. Now it's up to Ben to carry on the good work." After a slow start, Cecil's West Coast stable has flourished. He took up the reins earlier this year on the sudden death of Rodney Rash, to whom he had been assistant.

Donna Viola's dismissal of the top American turf fillies rounded off a particularly successful autumn for British-trained horses abroad. The filly was herself one of five British group winners at Longchamp on Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe weekend. More recently, Pilsudski annexed the Breeders' Cup Turf and Wandering Star the E. P. Taylor Stakes, both at Woodbine, in Toronto.

Ironically, Donna Viola would have contested the E. P. Taylor had she not changed hands after winning the Prix de l'Opera last month. "Before the deal we had to think of the shipping costs," Wall explained. "It would have been far less expensive to join the European challenge for the Breeders' Cup meeting in Toronto. As it was, Mr Tanaka had to pay $15,000 to supplement Donna Viola for the Yellow Ribbon."

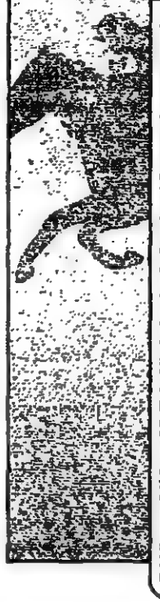
With 35 horses, Wall is some way removed from the might of the bigger stables. Yet in winning the grade one prize, Donna Viola succeeded where the likes of Barathea, Dancing Brave, Ezzoud, Milligram, Opera House, Sayyedati and Sonic Lady failed. They were among British-trained horses routed in the four Breeders' Cups staged in California.

"We were lucky with the weather," Wall suggested. "We flew from a mild autumn back home to a period of cool weather in California. We would have had more problems had we travelled from a frost-bitten Newmarket to a temperature in the mid-80s, which is the average in California at this time of year."

Closer to home, the David Nicholson-trained five-year-old Castle Sweep has been installed the 9-4 favourite with Coral for the £20,000-added Tote Silver Trophy Handicap Hurdle over 2½ miles at Chepstow on Saturday. A field of 20 was nominated at yesterday's six-day entry stage.

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market



GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	Coral	Hills	Ladbrokes	Tote
Kutta	6-1	5-1	5-1	5-1
Present Arms	6-1	7-1	7-1	8-1
Clifton Fox	12-1	8-1	8-1	11-1
Zaralaska	12-1	12-1	10-1	11-1
Arabian Story	16-1	14-1	14-1	20-1
Dato Star	12-1	14-1	12-1	12-1
Dreams End	16-1	14-1	14-1	20-1
Flamands	16-1	14-1	14-1	16-1
Snow Princess	12-1	14-1	12-1	20-1
Sugar Mill	16-1	14-1	14-1	16-1
Wild Rita	14-1	14-1	14-1	16-1
Better Offer	20-1	16-1	20-1	20-1

Although the Flat turf season stumbles to an inauspicious end at Folkestone on Monday, Doncaster provides the final race of any substance with the Tote Credit November Handicap on Saturday.

Kutta excelled himself when runner-up to Salmon Ladder in the group three St Simon Stakes at Newbury last month and is sure to give a good account. However, he is 6lb higher in the weights than when previously dead-heating with Ballynakelly in a handicap at the same track and offers little value at 6-1.

Present Arms has won his last three races, but this represents a much stiffer task and he may be best on firm ground, while Clifton Fox, the Cambridgeshire winner, is not certain to appreciate this step up in trip.

Lord Huntingdon saddled Snow Princess to win this last year and she figures among his four entries this time. However, his best chance may lie with Arabian Story. This lightly-raced three-year-old has gone from strength to strength since winning a minor event at Windsor in July and underlined his prospects when second to Willie Conquer at Newmarket last time. However, he is unproven on soft ground and is not worth risking at this stage.

With plenty of rain forecast, conditions should be perfect for Dato Star. He was unlucky in *running when second last year on unsuitably* fast ground, and enjoys a 21lb pull in the weights with Snow Princess. He travelled well until lack of a recent run took its toll on his reappearance at Nottingham 12 days ago, and should be spot on now. At 14-1 with Hills, DATO STAR can win this on his way to a successful hurdling campaign.

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1.35 Double Espresso
2.05 Catria
2.35 BLURRED (nap)
3.05 Essayeffese
3.35 So Intrepid
4.05 Lady Sheriff

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.35 Aurelian. 2.05 CATRIA (nap). 2.35 Enriched.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

102 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robertson) B Hall 9-10-8 .. B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Freebet). C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm. good to firm. hard. G – good. S – soft. good to soft. heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.35 BEECH NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,309: 1m) (18 runners)

131 (19) 003 SMART SPIRIT 21 (Mrs S Smith) Mrs M Reveley 9-7 .. A Culhane 84
102 (8) 0241 DOUBLE ESPRESSO 15 (D,G) (R Haggas) M Johnston 9-5 .. J Weaver 96
102 (16) 046214 TIME CAN TELL 13 (D,G) (D Cody) C Murray 9-5 .. M Tebbutt 90
104 (2) 6030 SALABATIM 57 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 9-3 .. K Darley 91
129 (13) 030203 SELECT STAR 19 (Select 95 Partnership) A Jarvis 9-3 .. W Ryan 95
102 (6) 400120 CHAIRMANS DAUGHTER 28 (V,D,F) (B Cangle) J Pearce 9-0 .. S Bardwell 97
107 (5) 034 AURELIAN 90 (M Fitzgerald) M Bell 9-0 .. M Fenton 97
109 (15) 030 IRISH MASIRAH 28 (G Thorman) Mrs M Reveley 8-9 .. S Copp (5) 93
110 (14) 555405 DEE PEE TEE CEE 15 (C,F) (Early Morning Breakfast) M W Easterby 8-8 G Parkin (5) 95
110 (21) 446600 GRESATRE 19 (E Kettlechaker) C Dwyer 8-8 .. L Dettori 88
111 (11) 004003 CASTLES BURNING 16 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-4 .. S Carter 97
112 (7) 50530 COMPACT DISC 18 (R Moulton) M Johnston 8-4 .. T Williams 90
113 (4) 000 PERFECT ANGEL 31 (J Eilis) M Tompkins 8-3 .. M Henry (3) –
114 (10) 06060 EPIC STAND 45 (C Webster) Mrs J Ramsden 8-3 .. D Harrison 89
118 (17) 6000 JOKIFY 17 (J Rose) B Hills 8-3 .. J Carroll 91
120 (3) 000 ISLAND PRINCE 19 (J R Leisure Ltd) N Callaghan 7-13 .. R Mullen (7) 88
121 (9) 05006 BROCTUNE LINE 31 (G Playdoch) Mrs M Reveley 7-13 .. L Charnock 88
122 (20) 250000 DANCING STAR 3 (J Pugh) P Evans 7-10 .. J F Egan 90

Long handicap: Dancing Star 7-8

BETTING: 11-4 Double Espresso. 6-1 Time Can Tell. 9-1 Captain Borsing, Select Star. 10-1 Aurelian, Smart Spirit. 12-1 Epic Stand. Gresatre. 14-1 Brocture Line. Compact Disc. 16-1 others

1995: DAUNTING DESTINY 9-2 Dance D'Neil (4-1) R Hannon 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

SMART SPIRIT 6½l 2nd of 8 to Noble Dane in maiden at Haydock (1m, soft). DOUBLE ESPRESSO best jockeys Mia 3½l in 10-runner nursery at Pontefract (1m, good) with DEE PEE TEE CEE (10lb better off) 8l 6th. Earlier 4½l 2nd of 23 to Lady Kristina in a maiden auction at York (1m, good) with GRESATRE (21lb better off) 2l 4th. SMART SPIRIT (7lb better off) 5½l 11th and SELECT STAR (10lb better off) 12l 17th.

TIME CAN TELL about 3½l 4th of 10 to Social Pride in nursery at Yarmouth (1m, good to firm). SALABATIM 1¾l 3rd of 11 to Orcadies in maiden at Salisbury (7f, good) on penultimate start. SELECT STAR 3½l and head 3rd of 8 to Pretty Bambo in rated maiden over course and distance (good to firm).

CHAIRMANS DAUGHTER 1½l 2nd of 13 to Swallow Breeze in nursery at Nottingham (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. CASTLES BURNING head 2nd of 12 to Sheep Return in rated maiden at Folkestone (6f, good to soft).

Selection: GRESATRE

2.05 EUROPEAN BREEDERS' FUND BIRCH MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O £3,667 7f) (17 runners)

101 (6) 0 ENAVILS 13 A Bacon) M Bell 9-0 .. M Fenton –
102 (2) 0 FARNESE (Sultan Al Kaheen) L Cumani 9-0 .. O Urbina 85
103 (15) 3 FLY TO THE STARS 12 (P Savill) M Johnston 9-0 .. K Darley 96
104 (3) 0 HIT THE FLAG 20 (S Bermingham) A Stewart 9-0 .. J F Egan –
105 (12) 40 MY SALTARELLO 60 (The Barons Racing Partnership) A Mulholland 9-0 M Birch 60
106 (16) 64 NOIRE 24 (Mrs D Woods) M Britain 9-0 .. N Wigham 83
108 (17) PANDORAS LORD (D Dunbar) J Wainwright 9-0 .. L Charnock –
107 (4) 0 POLARIZE 24 (J Baggott) T Barron 9-0 .. J Fortune 70
108 (8) 0 RUSSIAN RULER 17 (E Fish) A Jarvis 9-0 .. S Drowne 93
109 (7) SONG OF FREEDOM (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 .. J Carroll –
110 (11) 0 TAYSEER 18 (Nihal Saleem) E Dunlop 9-0 .. W Ryan –
111 (9) 0 TOON FLYER 13 (The North Broomhill Racing Syndicate) W Storey 9-0 N Kennedy –
112 (13) 0 WHITEGATE'S SON 13 (Red Guest) B Ellison 9-0 .. J Quinn –
113 (14) 0 ANETTA 15 (B McAllister) Miss S Hall 8-9 .. Dane O'Neill –
114 (1) 602 CATRIA 14 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-9 .. L Dettori 97
115 (10) SIX SHOOTER (E Macoey) E Weymes, 8-9 .. D McKeown –
116 (5) 4 VIVA VERDI 56 (Mrs E Slater) J Dunlop 8-9 .. T Sprake 95

BETTING: 5-2 Catria. 4-1 Viva Verdi. 5-1 Tayseer. 6-1 Song Of Freedom. 8-1 Fly To The Stars, Farnese. 12-1 Rusian Ruler. 14-1 Enavils. Noire. 16-1 Six Shooter. 20-1 others

1995: MAGIC MILL 9-0 S D Williams (7-2) F O'Mahoney 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

ENAVILS 9½l 8th of 9 to Courchop in maiden at Yarmouth (7f, good to firm). FARNESE 6l 7th of 11 to Golden at Yarmouth (7f, good to firm). FLY TO THE STARS 3l 3rd of 23 to Zo-Im in maiden at Newbury (6f, soft). RUSSIAN RULER 10½l 5th of 6 to Certain Tide in conditions race at Newmarket (7f, good).

SONG OF FREEDOM (foaled Mar 8) Half-brother by Arazi to high-class middle-distance performer Singspiel, dam top class performer in Canada. TAYSEER 3½l 4th of 22 to Baled Alaska in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good). CATRIA 1l 2nd of 16 to Lady Valentine in maiden at Chepstow (7f, soft). VIVA VERDI about 14l 4th of 14 to Consul in maiden at Lingfield (7f, good to firm).

Selection: FLY TO THE STARS

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Tompkins	5	22	34.6	K Darley	61	298	20.5
D Loder	17	63	27.0	L Dettori	12	60	20.0
J Gosden	7	28	25.0	W Ryan	18	92	19.6
P Harris	12	53	22.6	G Carter	15	118	12.9
J Dunlop	4	14	21.4	J Weaver	11	78	14.1
E Dunlop	3	13	18.2	D Harrison	8	62	12.9
L Cumani	6	33					

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BOLD EFFORT, a winner at Clairefontaine earlier this year, returns to France today to contest the £22,398 Prix de l'Ecoute s'Il Pleut over six furlongs at Evry. Ken Cunningham-Brown's gelding was well beaten in a rated handicap at Ascot last month.

2.35 SYCAMORE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,665: 1m 3f) (10 runners)

301 (8) 101000 TRACEABILITY 18 (C,D,F,G,S) (J Lowe) S Williams 9-7 .. F Lynch (3) –
302 (3) 034206 FOREST ROBIN 12 (Mrs J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 9-7 .. W Ryan 97
303 (4) 42323 RENZO 32 (K Buckhaus) G Harwood 9-4 .. A Clark 95
304 (7) 0331 ENRICHED 12 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-4 .. L Dettori 95
305 (9) 662031 BLURRED 11 (G) (Tetsagar Racing Club and Partners) M Tompkins 9-4 M Henry (3) 98
306 (1) 034142 BALLPOINT 30J (S) (G Hamilton) G Moore 9-1 .. J Fortune 96
307 (2) 620435 RUSK 30 (Mrs J Cowan) J Pearce 9-1 .. M Wigham 95
308 (5) 0-00131 FLORENTINO 120 (F,G) (Lady Harrison) B Hills 8-13 .. J Carroll 93
309 (6) 042303 ALICIA 11 (E Lavin) J Dunlop 8-12 .. K Darley 98
310 (10) 131536 GENERAL GLOW 22 (P) (J White) P Evans 8-1 .. J F Egan 96

BETTING: 11-4 Enriched. 7-2 Blurred. 9-2 Florentino. 7-1 Renzo. 8-1 Ballpoint. 10-1 Forest Robin, Alicia. 14-1 General Glow. Traceability. 16-1 Rusk.

1995: HAND WOVEN 8-3 J Carroll (8-1) W Haggas 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

FOREST ROBIN 4l 2nd of 19 to Veni Vidi Vici in handicap at Kempton (1m, good). Sep 96. RENZO best effort 3¾l 3rd of 13 to Time Allowed in maiden at Kempton (1m 4f, good to firm). Jul 96. ENRICHED beat Dancer Rhapsody ¾l in 16-runner maiden at Newbury (1m 2f, soft). BLURRED beat Absolutely Stunning 3l in 17-runner handicap at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good) with ALICIA (7lb better off) 1¾l 3rd.

BALLPOINT sixth 2nd of 10 to Tiny in claimer at Yarmouth (1m 3f 101yd, good). RUSK 3¾l 5th of 18 to Sugar Mill in handicap at Haydock (1m 4f, soft). FLORENTINO best Classic Defence (9l) in 6-runner handicap at Bath (1m 2f, good to firm). GENERAL GLOW 10½l 3rd of 7 to Ellesby Park in handicap at Ayr (1m 7f, good to firm) on penultimate start.

Selection: ENRICHED

3.05 POPLAR HANDICAP (£3,400: 1m 2f) (17 runners)

401 (10) 311342 MR TEIGH 19 (G) (Mrs J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-11 .. J Fortune 92
402 (17) 200600 DOMITIA 62 (D,F,G) (M Fitzgerald) M Bell 4-9-9 .. M Fenton 96
403 (1) 404004 MENTALASANYTHIN 7 (D,F,G,S) (H O'Donnell) D Haydn Jones 7-9-7 .. L Charnock 88
404 (7) 0-13405 SHAFTSHAYES 15 (F,G) (P Davidson-Brown) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-6 .. L Dettori 93
405 (18) 000200 SPANISH VERDICT 7 (C,F,G,S) (Cox & Allen (Kendal)) Denys Smith 9-9-5 J Weaver 95
406 (5) 632000 CALDER KING 15 (B,F,S) (D Clarkson) J Eyre 5-9-5 .. R Lappin 95
407 (8) 341453 REX MUNDI 7 (F) (J Little) P Evans 4-9-5 .. J F Egan 93
408 (15) 003563 LEIF THE LUCKY 26 (C,G,S) (Miss B Duxbury) Miss S Hall 7-9-5 Dane O'Neill 90
409 (6) 006200 ASKERN 7 (C,D,F) (H O'Donnell) D Haydn Jones 5-9-4 .. A Clark 88
410 (4) 3/06000 BLACKPATCH HILL 18 (D,G,S) (J Bradbury) N Tinkler 7-9-4 .. Alex Greaves 85
411 (11) 102160 FERN'S GOVERNOR 10 (D,F,G) (Fern Components) W Musson 4-9-3 D R McCabe 93
412 (2) 416450 ESSAYEFFESE 15 (C,D,F,G) (Mrs S Murray) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-2 K Darley 94
413 (12) 010100 YOUR MOST WELCOME 4 (B,C,D,F,G) (Mrs J Lambert) O Urbina 5-9-1 G Parkin (5) 95
414 (9) 264150 AUGUSTAN 7 (D,F) (Northern Bloodstock Racing) S Gollings 5-8-13 J Quinn 89
415 (13) 00-2000 FRENCH GINGER 13 (D Bailey) W Storey 5-8-11 .. N Kennedy 80
416 (14) 410001 THATCHED 7 (C,F) (C Marwood) R Ben 6-8-10 (5ex) .. K Sked (7) 96
417 (19) 400515 BRAMBLES WAY 13 (V,CO,F) (N Jones) Mrs M Reveley 7-8-9 .. S Copp (5) 96

BETTING: 6-1 Shaftshayes, 7-1 Mr Teigh, Fern's Governor, 8-1 Rex Mundi, 10-1 Essayeffese, Mentalasanything, Thatched, 12-1 Leif The Lucky, 14-1 Askern, Brambles Way, Spanish Verdict, 16-1 others.

1995: FAIRY KNIGHT 3-9-12 J Reid (8-1) R Hannon 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

MR TEIGH 8l 2nd of 13 to Dilaal in handicap here (1m, good to firm) with SPANISH VERDICT 3¾l 6th. REX MUNDI 2¾l 3rd of 16 to Fairy Knight in Leicester handicap (1m 2f, good) with ASKERN 7¾l 9th and AUGUSTAN 5l 14th. LEIF THE LUCKY 1l 3rd of 11 to Hazed A Gamble in York claimer (1m 2f 85yd, good). FERN'S GOVERNOR beat Father Dan 1¾l in 16-runner Nottingham amateur riders' handicap (1m 2f, good to firm). YOUR MOST WELCOME best SPANISH VERDICT (3lb better off) 1¾l in 16-runner handicap here (1m 1f, good to firm) with ESSAYEFFESE (5lb better off) 2¾l 5th. THATCHED best Cue-Jay-Jay head in 16-runner handicap here (1m, good to firm). BRAMBLES WAY best Augustan 6l in 15-runner selling handicap over course and distance (firm) penultimate start.

Selection: REX MUNDI

3.35 ASH HANDICAP (£6,785: 6f) (26 runners)

501 (23) 240000 DOUBLE BLUE 24 (D,F,G,S) (R Huggins) M Johnston 7-9-10 .. K Sked (7) 90
502 (9) 420103 PRIMO LARA 26 (F) (Thanet Leasing Ltd) P Harris 4-9-6 .. L Dettori 89
503 (22) 633006 MAID FOR THE HILLS 10 (D,F,G) (C Brasher) D Loder 3-9-7 .. R R McCabe 80
504 (24) 300233 BAJAN ROSE 12 (C,D,F,G,S) (C McKenna) M Blanshard 4-9-5 .. J Quinn 94
505 (19) 212260 MR BERGERAC 17 (D,F,G,S) (P John) B Palling 5-9-5 .. T Sprake 94
506 (8) 000010 GARNOCK VALLEY 24 (D,F,G,S) (R Ash) J Berry 6-9-4 .. G Carter 95
507 (14) 310610 PALACEGATE TOUCH 10 (B,D,F,G,S) (Laurel Leisure) J Berry 6-9-1 P Fessey (5) 98
509 (20) 005000 TAKADOU 13 (C,F,G,S) (Evans of Y Tyldesley) Miss L Siddall 5-8-13 D Harrison 97
509 (5) 400000 STYLISH WAYS 13 (D,G,S) (Ten Hall Racing) Miss S Hall 4-8-12 .. M Birch 94
510 (5) 000000 SO INTREPID 14 (D,F,G,S) (E Heyward) J Bradley 5-8-11 .. S Drowne 95
511 (21) 003004 SAINT EXPRESS 7 (D,F,G) (D Hall) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-11 .. K Darley 96
512 (7) 446400 TAKOLIU 13 (F,S) (Miss N Thompson) D Chapman 5-8-11 .. A Culhane 90
513 (13) 200000 TILER 5 (D,F,S) (Mrs C Robinson) M Johnston 4-8-11 .. J Weaver 98
514 (18) 123005 PALO BLANCO 24 (D,F,G) (J Brown) T Barron 5-8-10 .. J Fortune 90
515 (10) 240205 KESTON POND 7 (D,F,G) (Mrs A Mullinnan) Mrs V Aconley 6-8-8 .. W Ryan 94
516 (9) 051100 CRETAN GIFT 15 (B,D,F,G) (T Clarke) N Littmoden 5-8-7 .. T G McLaughlin 96
517 (3) 632230 FRENCH GRIT 13 (C,D,F) (C Wilson) M Dods 4-8-7 .. A Clark 95
518 (2) 403003 DAAWE 24 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Mullinnan) Mrs V Aconley 5-8-6 .. M Darling 88
519 (4) 040010 SADDLEHOME 7 (D,F,G,S) (K Shaw) T Barron 7-8-5 .. J Carroll 90
520 (11) 121024 THWAAB 31 (B,CD,F) (J Blythe) F Watson 4-8-4 .. N Kennedy 93
521 (15) 600800 MISS WATERLINE 24 (D,S) (M Laurence) P Evans 3-8-4 .. J F Egan 95
522 (22) 003315 BARATO 13 (CD,BF,F,G) (D Young) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-2 .. N Adams 95
523 (12) 205026 PRIMA SILK 15 (D,F,G) (Norcroft Park Stud) M Ryan 5-8-1 .. G Bardwell 96
524 (16) 065600 CASTLEREA LAD 8 (D,F,G) (Mrs T Graham) R Hollinshead 7-7-12 .. M Darke 95
525 (25) 550000 HALMANERROR 13 (C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Smith) Mrs J Ramsden 6-7-11 .. L Charnock 95
526 (17) 040500 BE WARNED 15 (B,D,F,S) (N Riddell) M Dods 5-7-10 .. F Norton 92

Long handicap: Be Warned 7-8.

BETTING: 9-1 Primo Lara, 10-1 Maid For The Hills, Saint Express, 12-1 Bajan Rose, Cretan Gift, So Intrepid, 14-1 Mr Bergerac, Garnock Valley, Saddlehome, Thwaab, Barato, Double Blue, 16-1 others.

1995: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

PRIMO LARA 3½l 3rd of 7 to Victor in handicap at York (7f, good). BAJAN ROSE 3¾l 3rd of 11 to The Puzzler in handicap at Newbury (6f, soft). MR BERGERAC 1¾l 2nd of 28 to Coastal Bluff in handicap at Ayr (6f, good to firm) with BAJAN ROSE (1lb better off) 4½l 12th and TILER (9lb better off) 9l 25th, Sep 96. SAINT EXPRESS about 1¾l 4th of 16 to Pharoahs in handicap here (7f, good to firm) with KESTON POND (2lb worse off) ¾l 5th and SADDLEHOME (1lb worse off) 4l 9th. CRETAN GIFT best recent effort, beat THWAAB short-head in 28-runner handicap at Ayr (6f, good to firm) with MISS WATERLINE (7lb better off) head 6th, KESTON POND (3lb better off) 1l 8th, GARNOCK VALLEY (1lb better off) ¾l 11th, SO INTREPID (8lb better off) 2¾l 14th and PALO BLANCO (4lb better off) 1l 15th. FRENCH GRIT neck 2nd of 13 to Fairway Lass in rated stakes at York (6f, good) Sep 96, with DAAWE (10lb better off) ¾l 3rd, CASTLEREA LAD (2lb better off) 3l 6th and MISS WATERLINE (1lb better off) 9l 19th. BARATO about ¾l 5th of 20 to Leading Princess in handicap at Newcastle (6f, good to firm). PRIMA SILK head 2nd of 23 to Denbawn in claiming handicap at Haydock (6f, good) on penultimate start with BARATO (3lb worse off) 1¾l 3rd and SADDLEHOME (2lb better off) 7¾l 4th.

Selection: PRIMA SILK

4.05 OAK LIMITED STAKES (£3,535: 5f) (8 runners)

601 (8) 015500 FRIENDLY BRAVE 14 (D,F,G,S) (Gold Partship) Miss G Holloway 6-9-7 J Weaver 91
602 (5) 520405 TROPICAL BEACH 15 (D,F,G) (J Unsworth) J Berry 3-9-4 .. K Darley 78
603 (7) 502000 INSIDER TRADER 13 (D,F,G) (Mrs H Carr) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-1 .. J Fortune 98
604 (1) 013200 PALACEGATE JACK 17 (D,F,G,S) (Binding Matters Ltd) C Dwyer 5-9-1 J Carroll 99
605 (6) 000500 SALLY SLADE 15 (D,F,G,S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-8-12 .. G Carter 92
606 (3) 050000 LADY SHERIFF 17 (D,F,G) (E Morgan) R Hollinshead 5-8-9 .. K Sked (7) 98
607 (4) 230004 SPLICING 14 (D,G) (T Hirschfeld) W Haggas 3-8-9 .. F Lynch (3) 98
608 (2) 3-60220 WOLLSTONECRAFT 15 (Ms R Hood) J Gosden 3-8-9 .. L Dettori 92

BETTING: 7-2 Wollstonecraft, 4-1 Splicing, 5-1 Insider Trader, Palacegate Jack, 7-1 Lady Sheriff, 8-1 Tropical Beach, 10-1 Friendly Brave, 14-1 Sally Slade.

1995: HIGHBORN 6-9-0 K Darley (15-8 fav) P Felgate 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

TROPICAL BEACH about 1¾l 5th of 17 to Sadlers in handicap at Pontefract (5f, good) with SALLY SLADE (12lb better off) 1¾l 6th and WOLLSTONECRAFT (22lb better off) 9l 17th. INSIDER TRADER 6l 10th of 18 to Skelted in a handicap at Newcastle (5f, good to firm). PALACEGATE JACK 1¾l 2nd of 7 to Sangerfield in handicap at Leicester (5f, firm), Sep 96. LADY SHERIFF 4l 9th of 17 to Tarlow in handicap at Ascot (5f, good) on penultimate start.

SPLICING about 3¾l 4th of 20 to Cosmic Silver in handicap at Chepstow (6f, soft) with FRIENDLY BRAVE (14lb better off) 6½l 11th. WOLLSTONECRAFT 2½l 2nd of 14 to Volley in maiden here (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start.

Selection: WOLLSTONECRAFT (nap)

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newcastle

Going: good to firm, good in places

1.25 (2m hdle) 1, Silent Guest (R Garritty, 3-1); 2, The Boozing Brat (6-4 fav); 3, Double Dash (7-1). 6 ran. 2l, 11l. M Hammond. Tote: £3.10; £1.90, £1.10. DF: £2.80. CSF: £7.62.

1.55 (3m ch) 1, Billsbrook (K Johnson, 14-1); 2, Bold Account (11-8); 3, Trickle Laid (5-4 fav). 6 ran. NR: Strongsong. 3l, 1l. R Brewis. Tote: £15.40; £2.00, £1.30. DF: £14.30. CSF: £32.24.

2.25 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Stan's Your Man (G Cahill, 7-1); 2, Shanavogh (4-9 fav); 3, Leap In The Dark (14-1). 9 ran. 3½l, 4l. Mrs J Goodfellow. Tote: £8.70; £1.70, £1.40, £1.70. DF: £4.10. Trio: £24.60. CSF: £10.84.

2.55 (3m ch) 1, Ally Daley (N Williamson, 6-1); 2, Ballich Boy (14-1); 3, Strong Deal (4-1). All's Alibi 9-4 fav. 7 ran. ¾l, 12l. J Howard Johnson. Tote: £5.90; £2.70, £4.80. DF: £36.50. CSF: £87.11.

3.25 (2m hdle) 1, Tom Brodie (N Williamson, 7-4 fav); 2, Done Well (3-1); 3, Bures (8-1). 5 ran. 1½l, 3l. J Howard Johnson. Tote: £2.20; £2.50, £1.10. DF: £4.20. CSF: £7.21.

3.55 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Blazing Dawn (Miss P Robson, 4-1); 2, Thunderstruck (5-2); 3, Vicandge (9-4 fav). 5 ran. 4l, 7l. J Hubbuck. Tote: £4.30; £2.30, £1.20. DF: £3.70. CSF: £13.35.

Placepot: £49.80. Quadpot: £17.80.

Plumpton

Going: soft, heavy in home straight

1.35 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Bayerd (J Osborne, 11-2); 2, Flying Fiddler (2-1); 3, Second Step (6-1). Bella Sedona 6-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: Cypress Avenue, Lady Pete. 1¾l, 12l. C Egerton. Tote: £9.10; £4.10, £2.00. DF: £14.90. Trio: £6.20. CSF: £16.69.

2.05 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Minster's Madam (T Descombe, 9-4 fav); 2, Rachel's Owen (5-2); 3, Bresil (14-1). 7 ran. Dist, 30l. J Neville. Tote: £2.80; £2.20, £2.70. DF: £5.00. CSF: £8.20. No bid.

2.35 (2m 5f ch) 1, Beau Babillard (A P McCoy, 4-1); 2, Zambezi Spirit (15-8 fav); 3, Mr Matt (16-1). 6 ran. NR: Beatson, Comedy Road. 2l, dist. P Nicholls. Tote: £4.10; £3.00, £1.60. DF: £8.90. CSF: £12.55. Tricast: £102.15.

3.05 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Sallep (T Descombe, 7-2); 2, Shift Again (9-4 fav); 3, Zacaroon (20-1). 8 ran. NR: Glorana, Revisit The Force, Tomal. 2l, dist. R Hodges. Tote: £3.40; £1.10, £1.50, £2.30. DF: £5.20. Trio: £33.70. CSF: £11.32.

3.35 (2m ch) 1, Uncle Bert (D Fortt, 5-2); 2, Cockeen Hero (4-1); 3, James The First (4-5 fav). 4 ran. 5l, sh hd. G McCourt. Tote: £4.00. DF: £11.50. CSF: £10.80.

4.05 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Fawley Flyer (R Dunwoody, 2-1 fav); 2, Titan Empress (11-4); 3, Country Store (3-1). 6 ran. NR: Mr Russ, Soloman Springs. 8l, dist. W G M Turner. Tote: £2.70; £1.70, £2.10. DF: £3.90. CSF: £7.78. Tricast: £13.74.

Placepot: £88.10. Quadpot: £19.10.

Southwell

Going: standard

12.45 (1m) 1, Giddy (N Kennedy, 8-1); 2, Bandra (12-1); 3, Lady Silk (16-1); 4, Pi's Cruiser (7-1). Holloway Melody 5-1 fav. 16 ran. 1¾l, 5l. J Hetherton. Tote: £12.50; £2.50, £3.10, £2.50, £1.50. DF: £75.90. Trio: £216.80 (part won; pool of £215.88 carried forward to 3.35 at Redcar today). CSF: £104.79. Tricast: £1,471.28.

1.15 (6f) 1, Miss Offset (J Weaver, 8-1); 2, The Barnsley Bella (9-1); 3, Machine (7-2 fav). 15 ran. NR: Monaco Street. 4l, 1¾l. M Johnston. Tote: £7.10; £2.70, £4.00, £2.00. DF: £53.10. Trio: £86.10. CSF: £77.99. Tricast: £287.56.

1.45 (1m 6f) 1, Onefourseven (Miss Diana Jones, 5-4 fav); 2, Stalled (7-1); 3, Golden Hacker (14-1). 14 ran. NR: Kalakaua. 3½l, 3l. J Eyre. Tote: £2.20; £1.30, £2.40, £3.50. DF: £9.10. Trio: £85.20. CSF: £12.41. Tricast: £96.30.

2.15 (1m) 1, Bonnie Lassie (D McKeown, 2-1); 2, Ziggy's Viola (5-1); 3, Wesley's Lad (12-1). Rhapsody In White Evens fav. 9 ran. 10l, 3l. C Thornton. Tote: £3.50; £1.90, £2.10, £4.40. DF: £5.30. Trio: £20.10. CSF: £13.17.

2.45 (1m 3f) 1, No Submission (A Culhane, 16-1); 2, Arc Of The Deer (10-1); 3, Intimsam (16-1). Lapu-Lapu 3-1 fav. 16 ran. Nk, 2l. D Chapman. Tote: £20.10; £4.30, £3.20, £5.00. DF: £73.50. Trio: £347.40 (part won, pool of £352.34 carried forward to 3.35 at Redcar today). CSF: £175.11.

3.15 (6f) 1, Naughty Pistol (J F Egan, 11-2); 2, Elton Ledger (5-1 fav); 3, Bold Aristocrat (11-2). 4, Honeyhall (33-1). 16 ran. 1¾l, 1½l. P Evans. Tote: £10.70; £3.10, £2.00, £1.80, £7.00. DF: £30.60. Trio: £43.90. CSF: £34.46. Tricast: £158.70.

3.45 (7f) 1, Stelds Casinos Lad (K Sked, 14-1); 2, Slightly Oliver (7-2); 3, Ginny Wooscomme (8-1). Night Chorus 5-4 fav. 13 ran. Nk, 7l. M Johnston. Tote: £24.10; £3.90, £1.60, £2.80. DF: £56.10. Trio: £100.50. CSF: £88.96. No bid.

4.15 (1m) 1, Desert Zone (S S

RUGBY UNION

Newcastle five free to play for countries

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

TO THE relief of the Scotland and Ireland team managements, Newcastle's league fixture with Rotherham on Saturday has been postponed. Thus three Scots — it would have been four but for injury to George Graham — and two Irishmen are free for international duty and what might have been a *cause célèbre* averted had Newcastle felt obliged to withdraw them.

The English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc), with the support of the Rugby Football Union, said yesterday that Newcastle's request for a postponement would be granted on the basis that International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) regulations state that preference must be given to international requirements. Gary Armstrong, Doddie Weir and Peter Walton will be available for Scotland and Scotland A on Friday and Saturday while Nick Popplewell and Ross Nesdale can join Ireland for next Tuesday's meeting with Western Samoa.

The irony here is that Epruc — and Sir John Hall, Newcastle's chairman, in particular — has stated its preparedness to challenge IRFB regulations where it believes they run contrary to European civil law over player availability. In this instance the board's rules are supportive of Newcastle's case, which will come as a relief to the players involved.

However, Newcastle are not prepared to release players for the North's divisional matches against Queensland, the New Zealand Barbarians and Argentina later this month and on December 1. Two of the six named in a provisional squad last week will not be available anyway: John Bentley, the wing, was sent off on Saturday and is likely to be suspended while Richard Arnold, the No 8, needs corrective treatment on a back injury and may be out for three months.

Australia's problems multiplied only five days before the international with Scotland: such is their casualty list that they will play Dirk Williams, 35, their trainer, in the back row against Scottish Districts in Perth this evening. He will be joined by Tim Gavin, fresh off the flight from Sydney, while the other two replacements, Adam Magro and Owen Finegan, are pressed straight into action.

Robert Jones, the former Wales and British Isles scrum half, faces a three-month break so that a back condition can be sorted out. Jones missed all Bristol's European Conference games and underwent the removal of a disc in his lower back last night.

Meanwhile, the Anglo-Welsh competition staggers fitfully on. Eight matches were scheduled for tonight and tomorrow but only four remain, among them tomorrow's games between Harlequins and Llanelli, and Neath and Leicester, who will field Neil Back at flanker. Back yesterday completed a six-month suspension imposed after he pushed Steve Lander, the match referee, to the ground at the conclusion of the Pilkington Cup final.

The draw for the fourth round of this season's cup competition, on November 23, gives Leeds a derby game at home to Morley. Wigton will also be delighted to be drawn at home, against Otley, after travelling to Birmingham, Manchester and Bridlington.

SCOTTISH DISTRICTS: G Fraser (London Irish); D Officer (Currie), P Rouse (Dundee HSFP), I Wynn (Wakefield), G Parker (Melrose); J Steele (London Scottish), D Patterson (Heriot's FP), W Anderson (Kirkcaldy), M Scott (Orrell), M Stewart (Northampton), D Mulvor (Glenrothes, captain), D Burns (Boroughmuir), I Elliott (Hawick), A Pountney (Northampton), M Waite (Edinburgh Academicals).

AUSTRALIA XV: S Larkham; B Tune, A Magro, R Tombs, J Roff, T Wallace, G Gregan; C Blades, M Caputo, A Heath, D Williams, W Waugh or J Welborn, T Gavin, T Kefu, O Finegan

DRAW

PILKINGTON CUP: Fourth round: Wigton v Otley; Liverpool St Helens v Preston Grasshoppers; Leeds v Morley; Reading v Widnes; Cheltenham v Weston-super-Mare; Exeter v Kendal; Lydney v Newbury; Rosslyn Park v Esher. *Ties to be played on Saturday, November 23.*

PETER NICHOLLS

And baby makes three: Georgia Capstick sleeps on as her father, James, is reunited with his wife, Tracey

Family values prompt flying visit

James Capstick's heart belongs to Georgia as he temporarily quits the BT Global Challenge

Having arrived in Rio de Janeiro, the team on *Ocean Rover* acted no differently, I am sure, to the crews of many ships before them after landing in such an exotic port. For the first few days, we and the other BT Global Challenge crews drank too much, ate too well and even managed to catch up on some sleep.

My mind, however, was more than 5,000 miles away. When the initial excitement of our arrival died down, I felt quite low. I knew I was homesick and desperate to see my three-week-old daughter, Georgia, for the first time.

I couldn't wait another ten weeks until my family and I were due to be reunited in Wellington at the second stopover in New Zealand. My loyalties were divided between my own needs and those of the team on *Ocean Rover*.

Although we had come through the first leg with hardly a scratch, I was part of a crew whose priorities were to prepare and provision the boat for the next leg round Cape Horn and across the Southern Ocean, which promises to be far harder than the last. But my heart and mind were definitely at home with the family in Surrey, even though I did not relish the idea of another traumatic farewell at the end of an unscheduled visit home, plus the additional cost of another air fare on an already streched budget.

Fortunately, my worries about abandoning ship were quickly quashed by my skipper, Paul Bennett, who assured me they could manage without me. I knew that he could see that I would not be happy until I had at least tried to see my family.

I didn't know how to broach the subject with Tracey, my wife, as it was certainly not in our plans, but during a phone call home she was receptive to my mood as usual and, with her normal ability to cut to the chase, simply said: "Jump on a plane and come home. We'll survive another round of goodbyes and worry about the Mastercard bill later."

I then had to tackle the problem of booking a flight at the last minute and, given the tragic air crash at São Paulo the day before and the subsequent disruptions, this was no easy task. Luckily, one of our crew, Robert Bruce, speaks Portuguese and works in Rio, and he was able to pull a few strings and get me on a direct flight to London, leaving at midnight on Friday.

BT Global Challenge

It all turned into a bit of a panic. I got lost en route to the airport and then I couldn't find the right office to collect my ticket, and consequently was late for the flight. So it was with immense relief — and a few large gin and tonics — that I eventually settled down in my seat for the 12-hour trip home.

I only had hand luggage with me and was first through customs at Heathrow. I emerged eagerly looking for Tracey and immediately saw my two boys, Stephen and Christopher, who had looked straight past me. Tracey had told them they were there to see off the wife of a crew-mate on her way out for the stopover, and my arrival was totally unexpected for them.

All of a sudden, I heard Christopher shout: "It's Daddy, what's he doing here?" Both the boys ran up to me and there was lots of hugging and kissing, and then I saw Tracey carrying Georgia, who, true to the descriptions I had been given in Rio, was fast asleep in her arms. It was a tearful moment for both of us.

Having now been at home for a few days, I wouldn't be surprised if Tracey started to get jealous because of the new "woman" in my life, who I pick up and cuddle at the slightest opportunity. She's absolutely beautiful and, when awake, is all smiles. Although not *quite* walking or talking yet, I can already tell that she is going to be very forward for her age and very bright.

The whole family is fit and well and my visit has recharged my batteries and enthusiasm for the next leg. And as for the farewell when I return to Rio — well, it will have been worth it.

Henman favoured by Telford draw

TIM HENMAN, the British No 1, will play a qualifier in the first round of the men's singles at the national tennis championships which start at Telford next Tuesday. Henman is expected to proceed to the semi-final without difficulty, where he is likely to meet Chris Wilkinson, the No 3, from Southampton, or Jamie Delgado, of Maidenhead. Greg Rusedski, ranked No 2, will have a tougher assignment, meeting James Fox, the fast-improving Lincolnshire player, in the first round. He is then seeded to play the British Davis Cup player, Miles Maclagan, in the second round, and either Jeremy Bates, who is now partly retired, or Luke Milligan in the last four.

In the latest rankings issued yesterday, Henman has dropped from 25 to 28 in the ATP list. Rusedski, Henman's Davis Cup colleague, has risen one place to 53.

Liatti edges ahead

MOTOR RALLYING: Piero Liatti, of Italy, took the outright lead in the Catalonia Rally with a fast time on the last stage of the opening day yesterday. Liatti edged ahead of the two Belgians, Bruno Thiry, in a Ford, and Freddie Loix, in a Toyota. Colin McRae, of Britain, the Italian's Subaru team-mate, made up ground to finish six seconds behind the leader in slippery conditions. Tommi Makinen, of Finland, moved up to fifth. Drivers face extremely fast stages near Tarragona today, before the closing round of the world championship ends tomorrow afternoon.

Woman cyclist banned

CYCLING: Gill Reames, who won the women's national road-race championship at 16 in 1980, has been suspended from competition for six months by the Road Time Trials Council (RTTC) following a positive dope test, revealing ephedrine, at the national 100-mile time-trial championship last July. An RTTC statement said that the evidence presented indicated that the banned drug was taken in the form of a herbal dietary supplement, containing ginseng, which claimed to produce weight loss.

Tomba makes progress

SKIING: Alberto Tomba, the Olympic and world champion, is expected to be back on skis next month, his doctor said yesterday. Maurilio Marcacci said he had given the go-ahead for Tomba, who was injured during training on a glacier last month, to work out in the gym. "I think that, at the beginning of December, he should be already out on the pistes," he said. Tomba said: "These things take time, one must have patience." He is widely expected to return to racing action in Italy on December 17.

Injury rules Sidhu out

CRICKET: Navjot Sidhu, the India opening batsman, will miss the final of the Titan Cup one-day tournament against South Africa in Bombay tomorrow. Sidhu, 33, who has only recently been recalled after serving a 50-day suspension for walking out of the tour to England, was injured during the five-run victory over Australia in Mohali on Sunday. India's most experienced batsman is likely to be replaced by Sanjay Manjrekar.

Hadley set to manage

RUGBY UNION: Adrian Hadley, the former Widnes rugby league player and a Wales international at both codes, has been appointed team manager of Sale. Hadley, 33, joined the Courage Clubs Championship first division club as a wing before the start of the season.

HEINEKEN CUP: Quarter-finals: Saturday, November 16: Cardiff v Bath (2.30pm, Cardiff Arms Park); Leicester v Harlequins (3pm, Welford Road); Dax v Toulouse (4pm, Parc Municipal de Sports). Sunday, November 17: Brive v Llanelli (2.45pm, Parc Municipal des Sports).

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

The Great Britain Under-20 team won the bronze medal in the second European Schools Championship in Cardiff in July. One of the team, Graham Hazel, was awarded the Best Defence prize for this hand.

Dealer South — East-West vul — IMPs

North: ♠52 ♥AJ62 ♦AQ107 ♣643

West: ♠1094 ♥854 ♦K953 ♣A75

East: ♠83 ♥Q10973 ♦J62 ♣J82

South: ♠AKQJ76 ♥K ♦84 ♣KQ109

W	N	E	S
—	—	—	2 S (1)
Pass	3 D	Pass	4 C
Pass	4 H	Pass	4 NT (2)
Pass	5 H	Pass	6 S
All Pass			

Contract: Six Spades by South. Lead: four of spades

(1) Intermediate Two — a rare bird in junior bridge. (2) Asking for aces — the response showed two.

The French declarer, Fabrice Willard, son of European Ladies Champion Sylvie Willard, drew trumps, unblocked the king of hearts, finessed the queen of diamonds and discarded the nine of clubs on the heart ace. Then he led a club to the king, and Hazel (West) ducked smoothly.

Most defenders appreciate the advantage of holding off when the king-queen-ten is in the dummy, to leave the declarer with a guess on the next round. Indeed, when the ace is taken at once, against good opposition declarer will seriously consider the possibility of ace-jack doubleton. Few have the card-reading skill and nerve to duck in the "blind" position, over declarer's hand. Consequently declarers tend to place the ace onside when the king or queen holds the first round of the suit.

Willard was duly persuaded to cross to the ace of diamonds and play a club to the queen — one down. Had Hazel won his ace immediately, declarer would almost certainly have made his slam by finessing the ten on the second round.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Bronstein week

I take the opportunity of the award to David Bronstein for writing the book of the year to celebrate some of his most brilliant games. Having scored a 12-all draw against Botvinnik in the 1951 world championship (as incumbent, Botvinnik retained the title on a tie), Bronstein went on to establish himself as one of the most scintillating players of the next decade. The following game, in which a powerful grandmaster is bowled over by a sudden queen sacrifice, is characteristic of his style.

White: David Bronstein
Black: Efim Geller
Russian Championship Moscow 1961

Nimzo-Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	e3	Bxc3+
5	bxc3	0-0
6	f3	d5
7	cxd5	exd5
8	e3	Bf5
9	Ne2	Nbd7
10	Nf4	c5
11	Bd3	Bxd3
12	Qxd3	Re8
13	0-0	Rc8
14	Rb1	Qa5
15	Rxb7	Nb6
16	g4	h6
17	h4	cxd4
18	g5	dxe3
19	gxf6	Rxc3
20	Qg6	Black resigns

White's 20th move was a thunderbolt which annihilates Black's resistance since 20 ... fxg6 allows mate after 21 Rxg7+ followed by Nxg6.

Parliamentary presentation

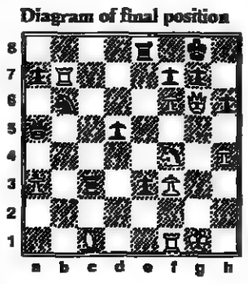
Victor Keats, the chess author, presented an antique chess set yesterday to the Houses of Parliament chess room, to replace one that was stolen last year. The presentation was hosted by Greville Janner MP.

World youth championships

There were a number of British successes in the world youth championships that have just finished in Minorca. In the under-18 girls' section, Harriet Hunt was in a tie for first place, but was awarded the silver medal on tie-break. In the under-16 girls' section, Ruth Sheldon won the bronze medal, while in the under-16 boys' section, Karl Mah tied for first place but came fourth on tie-break.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

Diagram of final position



WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

MOHO
a. A nursery rhyme
b. A unit of electrical resistance
c. A deep hole

MACROBIOTE
a. An elderly person
b. Computer software
c. A stage turn

MACRON
a. Large unit of length
b. A gladiator's trident
c. A written accent

MAUGH
a. An expression of disgust
b. Old Irish chieftain
c. A relative

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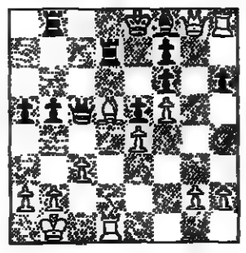
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Leko — Lendwai, Erevan Olympiad 1996. The key to this position is White's fantastic bishop on d5. How did White now make the most of the strength of this piece?



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FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

NEW YORK MARATHON (26.2 miles): Women: 1, A Catuna (Rom) 2:28:18; 2, F Fiacconi (It) 2:28:42; 3, J Chepchumba (Ken) 2:29:38; 4, K Jones (US) 2:34:46; 5, C Nello (Fr) 2:35:31; 6, Z Dhamani (Fr) 2:35:40; 7, T Lavrope (Ken) 2:37:19; 8, G Kirksberg (Nor) 2:37:37; 9, J Peterson (US) 2:38:05; 10, G Edelio (Eth) 2:40:44.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York 113 Charlotte 85; Denver 88 San Antonio 79; Golden State 105 Vancouver 95; LA Lakers 91 Minnesota 85.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Sheffield 76 Birmingham 86.

CLASSIC COLA CUP: Chester 109 Leopards 112.

CRICKET

LILAC HILL: Tour match (one day): West Indians 256-9 (B C Lara 66; B P Julian 3-33); Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI 256-7 (Julian 96 not out, T M Moody 66; I R Bishop 4-44).

CYCLING

ROAD RACE: Surrey League (Ottershaw, 90km): 1, S Quinn (Sigma Sport) 2hr 25min 00sec; 2, G Thomas (Team Ambrosia) at 1sec; 3, J Clark (De Laurie CC) at 2sec. Leading final overall positions: 1, S Quinn 90pts; 2, G Thomas 82; 3, B Bloombe (Festival RC) 61.

FOOTBALL

Sunday's late results

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Parma 0 Fiorentina 0.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Compostela 1 Real Madrid 2; Tenerife 0 Celta Vigo 0.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Karlsruhe 4 FC Cologne 1.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Paris Saint-Germain 3 Bastia 0.

BRAZILIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Juventude 0 Corinthians 2; Fluminense 0 Parana 2; Botafogo 1 Vasco 2; São Paulo 5 Criciuma 3; Guarani 0 Gremio 2; Sport 3 Vitoria 2; Internacional 0 Atletico-PR 2; Palmeiras 1 Flamengo 0, Bahia 1 Portuguesa 3; Santos 2 Braganano 2; Cruzeiro 0 Goias 1; Cruzeiro 2 Atletico-MG 1.

ARGENTINE LEAGUE: Estudiantes 0 River 1; Racing 1 Banfield 0, Colon 1 Huracan Corrientes 1; Lanus 3 San Lorenzo 1; Deportivo Espanol 1 Gimnasia La Plata 2; Huracan 3 Union 0; Gimnasia Jujuy 2 Ferro 2; Rosario Central 1 Newell's 1, Platense 4 Velez 4; Boca 0 Independiente 1.

WORLD CUP: Concacaf zone: Semi-finals: stage: Group one: United States 2 Guatemala 0. Group two: Canada 1 El Salvador 0.

FA CARLSBERG VASE: Second-round draw: Hashingden v Trafford; North Ferriby United v Hebburn; Blackpool (Wren) Rovers v South Shields; Brandon United v Brigg Town, Chester-le-Street Town v Dunston FB; Tow Law Town v Murton; Guisborough Town v Prudhoe Town; Whitby Town v Billingham Synthonia; Poulton Victoria v RTM Newcastle; Seaham Red Star v Ossett Albion; Mossley v Morpeth Town; Formby v Tetley Walker; Durham City v Easington Colliery; Cammell Laird v Bedlington Terriers; West Auckland Town v Holker Old Boys; Vauxhall GM v Clitheroe; Stewarts and Lloyds v Glapwell, Boldmere St Michaels v Belper Town; Dunkirk v Gogenhoe United; Hallam v Sandwell Borough; Long Buckby or Oadby Town v Arnold Town; Hinckley Ath v Eastwood Hanley; Denaby United v Newcastle Town; Bridgnorth Town v Stapenhill; Brackley Town v Bloxwich Town or Hucknall Town; Gedling Town v Barwell; Thackley v Louth United; Nantwich Town v St Andrews; Bury Town v Collier Row and Romford; Histon v Ware; Wivenhoe Town v Harlow Town; Woodbridge Town v Brentwood; Northwood v Chalfont St Peter, Wembley v Spalding United or Wealdstone; Swaffham Town v Saffron Walden Town; Stotfold or Feltham v Braintree Town; Boston Town v Barking; Eynesbury Rovers v Concord Rangers; Stamford AFC v Lowestoft Town; Diss Town v Potton United; Halstead Town v Gorleston; Tiptree United v Southend Manor; Anstey v Arlesey Town; Brache Sports v Wisbech Town; Ashford Town (Middlesex) v Burnham; Burgess Hill Town v North Leigh; Sheppey United v Metropolitan Police; Wick v Thatcham Town; Banstead Ath v Bracknell Town; Abingdon United v Herne Bay; Reading Town v Chesham Town; Whitstable Town v Slade Green; Beckenham Town v Peacehaven and Telscombe; First Tower United v Hailsham Town; Whitehawk v Greenwich Borough; Gosport Borough v Saltash United; Chippenham Town v Amesbury Town; Tiverton Town v Bideford; Paulton Rovers v Taunton Town; Odd Down v Bemerton Heath Harlequins; Falmouth Town v Truro City; Christchurch v Mangotsfield United; Bridgwater Town v Brockenhurst; Wimborne Town v Badgeath United.

☐ Ties to be played November 23

GOLF

BRASELTON, Georgia: Sarazen World Open: Leading final scores: (US unless stated): 272: F Mobley (NZ) 66, 68, 72, 66. 278: S Hoch 66, 64, 70, 74. 276: C Stadler 68, 69, 70, 71; P Stewart 69, 66, 71, 70. 279: N Price (Zim) 68, 72, 70, 69. 282: M Calcavecchia 70, 70, 72, 70; D Love III 70, 67, 73, 72; 283: A Cabrera (Arg) 72, 70, 73, 68. 284: S Pesch 73, 68, 73, 70; T Barranger 65, 70, 76, 73. 285: M McNulty (Zim) 69, 70, 77, 69; M Donald 74, 73, 68, 70; P J Cowan 71, 70, 72, 72; G Marks (GB) 69, 72, 71, 73. 286: M Gronberg (Swe) 73, 69, 71, 73; D Chopra (Swe) 69, 70, 72, 77. 287: M A Jiménez (Sp) 72, 70, 74, 71; P Broadhurst (GB) 69, 73, 72, 73. 288: E Romero (Arg) 71, 73, 73, 71; P Harrington (Ire) 70, 72, 73, 73.

MILTON, Florida: Emerald Coast Classic: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 207: L Trevino 69, 70, 68 (won on first extra hole); B Eastwood 69, 71, 67; M Hill 68, 71, 68; D Graham (Aus) 72, 66, 69; D Stockton 66, 71, 70. Other scores: 208: H Irwin 70, 69, 69. 209: G Marsh (Aus) 66, 73, 70. 210: I Aoki (Japan) 69, 72, 69. 213: G Player (SA) 74, 70, 69. 215: B Barnes (GB) 72, 72, 71. 216: J Jacobs (GB) 69, 71, 75. 218: R Charles (NZ) 70, 74, 72; R Floyd 69, 72, 75. 217: S Hobday (SA) 72, 76, 69. 218: A Jacklin (GB) 74, 72, 72. 228: A Palmer 73, 76, 77.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Chicago 4 Edmonton 2; St Louis 6 Dallas 3; Anaheim 1 Colorado 1 (OT); Phoenix 4 Montreal 4 (OT).

SUPERLEAGUE: Ayr 7 Bracknell 2; Cardiff 5 Newcastle 4 (OT); Manchester 3 Basingstoke 6.

PREMIER LEAGUE: Guildford 6 Kingston 7; Medway 3 Swindon 4 (OT); Peterborough 7 Telford 4; Solihull 3 Slough 7

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Murrayfield 3 Castlereagh 8; Paisley 3 Pite 6; Whitley 7 Blackburn 3.

MOTOR RALLYING

CATALONIA RALLY (leading positions after first day): 1, P Liatti (It, Subaru Impreza) 1hr 58min 13sec; 2, B Thiry (Bel, Ford Escort Cosworth) at 3sec; 3, F Loix (Bel, Toyota Celica GT4) 5; 4, C McRae (GB, Subaru Impreza) 6; 5, T Makinen (Fin, Mitsubishi Lancer) 35; 6, O Gomez (Sp, Renault Megane) 49.

RALLYDRIVE STAGES RALLY (Northumberland): 1, K Rutter (Sierra Cosworth) 38min 48sec; 2, S Doughty (Escort) 37:13; 3, P Gallagher (Sierra Cosworth) 38:16.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS MAZDA STAGES (Sussex): 1, S Larbey (Peugeot 205) 34:58; 2, R Watson (Escort) 36:29; 3, R Moore (Metro 6R4) 36:25.

COSSACK ROAD RALLY (Lincolnshire): 1, G Robinson (Escort) 1:00; 2, S Pashley (Vauxhall Nova) 1:00; 3, P Tordoff (Vauxhall Nova) 2:00

CILWENDEG RALLY (South Wales): 1, M Williams (Escort) 2:49; 2, A Gauntl (Peugeot 205) 4:24; 3, D Quinn (Escort) 5:10.

AUTOPARTS SOLWAY STAGES (Scotland): 1, N Taylor (Sierra Cosworth) 21:50; 2, S Mullen (Escort) 22:14; 3, I Paterson (Peugeot 205) 22:32.

PRO-TEC FLOOKBURGH STAGES (Cumbria): 1, L Barton (Escort Cosworth) 35:11; 2, N Hobson (Sierra Cosworth) 39:29; 3, M Gilman (Sierra) 39:35.

RACKETS

NOEL BRUCE CUP (Public schools old boys doubles championship): First round: Marlborough II bt Haileybury III 15-9, 15-6, 15-0; Rugby bt Harrow II 15-7, 15-7, 2-15, 15-2; Harrow II bt Winchester 15-8, 15-7, 7-15, 11-15, 15-8; Wellington II bt Marlborough III 15-5, 15-9, 15-5; Harrow I bt Charterhouse I 15-1, 15-4, 12-15, 15-9; Malvern II bt Clifton I 15-8, 3-15, 17-14, 3-15, 15-7; Haileybury II bt Charterhouse III 11-15, 15-3, 4-15, 15-10, 15-12. Second round: Eton I bt Clifton II 15-1, 15-7, 15-9; Rugby bt Marlborough II 15-4, 13-15, 15-12, 15-10; Tonbridge II bt Harrow II 15-11, 6-15, 16-13, 15-4; Tonbridge I bt Wellington II 15-12, 15-0, 15-6; Marlborough I bt Wellington III 15-1, 15-2, 15-1; Haileybury I bt Harrow I 14-17, 15-5, 15-5, 18-9; Malvern I bt Malvern II 15-10, 15-9, 7-15, 15-7; Wellington I bt Haileybury II 15-3, 15-2, 15-2. Quarter-finals: Eton I bt Rugby 15-11, 15-8, 13-2 ret; Tonbridge I bt Tonbridge II 15-4, 8-15, 15-4, 15-4.

REAL TENNIS

MORETON MORRELL: National inter-club handicap: Doubles: Semi-finals: Hatfield (C Dean and N Lloyd) bt Leamington (N and M Hyde) 6-3; MCC (M Ward and S Somerville) bt Moreton Morrell (A Disley and G King) 6-3. Final: Hatfield bt MCC 6-4. Singles: Semi-finals: Oxford (J Mallinson) bt Hampton Court (S Tanner) 6-4; Hardwick House (M Beard) bt Queen's (J Snow) 6-5. Final: Hardwick House bt Oxford 6-4. Team Trophy: Hardwick House.

SNOOKER

BANGKOK: World Cup: Group A: Ireland bt Iceland 7-2; Northern Ireland bt New Zealand 6-3. Group B: Scotland bt Canada 6-3; Scotland bt Hong Kong 8-1. Group C: England bt Pakistan 6-3. Group D: Wales bt Malta 5-4.

SQUASH

CAIRO: Heliopolis Open: Semi-final: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt A Hill (Aus) 15-9, 15-2, 15-11; D Harris (Eng) bt A Wagih (Egypt) 15-8, 15-5, 15-8. Final: Jansher bt Harris 15-10, 15-11, 15-13.

PHILADELPHIA: Philadelphia Open: Men: Final: J Nicolle (Eng) bt S Castellan (Bel) 15-9, 15-8, 15-8. Women: Semi-finals: M Martin (Aus) bt L Irving (Aus) 9-6, 9-6, 9-6; C Jackman (Eng) bt C Owens (Aus) 10-8, 7-9, 9-6, 9-6. Final: Jackman bt Martin 9-6, 10-8, 4-9, 9-4.

TABLE TENNIS

BATH: Yasaka Western Open: Men: Singles: Final: A Cooke (Eng) bt N Mason (Eng) 21-9, 17-21, 21-11. Women: Singles: Final: H Lower (Eng) bt L Poulsen (Den) 21-10, 21-11.

TENNIS

CHICAGO: Women's tournament: Final: J Novotna (Cz) bt J Capriati (US) 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

TOKYO: Men's tournament: Final: J McEnroe (US) bt J Kriek (SA) 6-4, 6-4.

VOLLEYBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Spartan Whitefield 0 Malory Lewisham 3; Warwick Bigg 3 Reebok Liverpool City 2; Tooting Anguilla 3 Leeds 0; City Of Stoke 3 Crofton Sportswearhouse 0; Polonia Ealing 3 Wessex 1. Women: First division: Solihull 3 Reebok Liverpool City 0; Shell Wed 0 Essex Eagles 3; Ashcombe Guildford 3 Orpington 0; London Malory 3 Leeds 0.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Coca-Cola Cup
Third-round replay
Oxford Utd v Port Vale (7.45)

Nationwide League
Third division
Cardiff v Rochdale

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Unibond League v FA XI (at Hyde United FC).

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Midland division: Bilston v Paget R.

DR MARTENS CUP: First round, second leg: Fisher London (1) v Sudbury (2); Fleet T (1) v Waterlooville (0).

IC35 LEAGUE: Second division: Leatherhead v Hungerford. Guardian Insurance Cup: Second round: Billericay v Collier R (7.45); Boreham Wood v Dagenham and Redbridge (7.45); Dorking v Heybridge; Kingstonian v Hemel Hempstead (7.45); St Albans v Aveley; Wokingham v Tooting and Mitcham, Yeading v Yeovil (7.45).

UNIBOND LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR v Radcliffe; Fleetwood v Warrington, Gretna v Great Harwood; Harrogate Town v Eastwood Town, Lincoln United v Farsley Celtic; Matlock Town v Stocksbridge PS; Netherfield v Workington. Cup: Second round: Frickley v Bishop Auckland.

FA CARLSBERG VASE: First-round replay: Hucknall v Bloxwich Town.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Crystal Palace v Bristol City (at Plough Lane, 2.0).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Derby v Birmingham (7.0); Sheffield Wednesday v Oldham (7.0). First division: Sheffield Utd v Wolverhampton (at Chesterfield FC, 6.45); Sunderland v Huddersfield (at Durham City FC, 7.0). Second division: Bradford v Manchester City (7.0); Grimsby v Shrewsbury (7.0). Third division: Walsall v Doncaster (7.0).

LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor City v Connah's Quay; Barry v Briton Ferry; Llansantffraid v Welshpool.

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridgwater v Chard; Bristol Manor Farm v Tiverton; Odd Down v Calne.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE. Senior Cup: Group D: Islington St Mary's v St Margaretsbury.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: O'Brien/McKenzie Butchers Premier Division Cup: Hoddesdon v Milton Keynes; Biggleswade v Harpenden; Potters Bar v Letchworth.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Brackley v Bicester.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Burscough v Penrith; Glossop North End v Eastwood H; Maine Road v Holker Old Boys; Vauxhall GM v Mossley.

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Wednesfield v Stourport S.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Great Yarmouth v Stowmarket; Lowestoft v Woodbridge; Sudbury v Newmarket; Wroxham v Diss.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: BAT v Portsmouth RN; Wimborne Town v Petersfield.

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Northampton v Chelsea.

SCHOOLS MATCH: Boodle and Dunthorne Cup: Second round: Wellingborough v Bradfield.

RUGBY UNION

Tour matches
Oxford Univ v Western Samoa XV (3.0)
Scottish District Select XV v Australia XV (at McDiarmid Park, 7.30)

ANGLO-WELSH CUP: Postponed: Pool 1A: Bridgend v Bristol. Pool 2A: Dunvant v London Irish. Pool 2B: Northampton v Caerphilly

CLUB MATCH: Gloucester v Combined Services (7.30).

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Betts's Warrior spirit points way for Britain

Christopher Irvine suggests how to close the class divide apparent against New Zealand

IT IS no coincidence that throughout a 3-0 series defeat by New Zealand, Denis Betts was consistently Great Britain's most effective performer. The key is the company he keeps. Playing for Auckland Warriors in the Australasian competition has improved every feature of his game. Until all Britain's players can have regular contact with the higher standards in the southern hemisphere, it is impossible to see how the gap can be narrowed.

For a young, raw, but willing Britain side, the past month has been a steep and often painful learning curve. No previous touring team has left New Zealand without a win of any description. From a series whitewash by Britain in 1993, New Zealand took the lesson on board and the result is the best Kiwi side for years.

The proposed world club series next year is not only an exciting concept. It can provide a solution to Britain's problem. For all the potential short-term embarrassment that matches against their Australasian Super League counterparts could mean for the European clubs, the advantages of learning from the best are manifest.

New Zealand's rise is mainly down to Auckland Warriors and their two seasons in the Australasian premiership. Talented individuals have rarely been in short supply. Now they have a unifying focus. Stephen Kearney, Gene Ngamu and Sean Hoppe, who all suffered on the 1993 tour, are a different proposition now. The series has produced outstanding performers in Stacy Jones at scrum half, Syd Eru, the hooker, and John Timu and Ruben Wiki, centres of distinction.

With the world club series scheduled before Australia tour England next October, Britain must make rapid progress to avoid a similar humiliation. Betts and Andrew Farrell, as captain, improved their stock, and Stuart Spruce, Terry O'Connor and Paul Broadbent came to the fore, but after a comparatively untroubled ride in Papua New Guinea and Fiji, an inexperienced side wilted under the far more extreme pressures in New Zealand.

Without Gary Connolly, Jason Robinson, Paul Newlove and Shaun Edwards in the backs, the depth of talent in Britain was exposed as shallow in comparison to New Zealand, who also had their share of absentees. There is no doubting the star potential in the pack with Adrian Morley, Paul Sculthorpe and Keiron Cunningham; half back is where there is a lack of talent coming through.

Doubts persist about the enigmatic Iestyn Harris at stand-off half. At centre or full back, he looks far more dangerous than when shackled by a strict game-plan at No 6. It was not bravery or commitment but sheer class that Britain lacked. Unlucky as they were in the first international, there was no doubt by the third defeat, and the biggest margin of victory by a New Zealand side, as to who were the better team.

Phil Larder's position as Britain coach was not made easy, particularly as some players were completing a 15-month season. Betts showed by his hunger what a rest from the debilitating modern-day game can do.

The party was due to arrive back in Manchester yesterday to the news that many will be appearing in specially-arranged derby matches at Christmas. For all concerned, it would be better if those games were snowed off.

TOUR RESULTS: Sep 28: Papua New Guinea President's XIII, won 34-8. 29: Papua New Guinea (Lae), won 32-30. Oct 2: Fiji President's XIII, won 42-18. 5: Fiji (Nadi), won 72-4. 10: Lion Red Cup XIII, drew 22-22. 15: New Zealand President's XIII, lost 30-22. 18: New Zealand (Auckland), lost 17-12. 22: New Zealand Maoris, lost 40-28. 25: New Zealand (Palmerston North), lost 18-15. Nov 1: New Zealand (Christchurch), lost 32-12.

VICTORIA MATTHERS

Betts has been playing club rugby in New Zealand

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Setting sights: Robbie Fowler and Steve McManaman, of Liverpool, take a rest at Bisham Abbey yesterday as the England squad prepared for the World Cup qualifying tie in Georgia. Repentant Gascoigne, page 52

SNOOKER

Thailand produce television thriller

FROM PHIL YATES IN BANGKOK

IN FRONT of a mammoth domestic live television audience, Thailand whitewashed the hapless United Arab Emirates 9-0 to squeeze into the quarter-finals of the World Cup here last night. No other scoreline would have guaranteed qualification for the host country.

When England, the group C winners, could only defeat Pakistan 6-3 earlier in the day — it could have been 5-4 had Mohammed Saleh not missed a straightforward pink when he was on the verge of beating Ronnie O'Sullivan — Thailand's chances of advancement appeared slim.

However, the UAE trio completely froze under pressure, Thailand dominated and, with the exception of a nailbiting eighth frame, in which Tai Pichit potted the blue to edge past Mohammed Sultan al Joker, they were never seriously challenged.

It was a day of conflicting emotions for Wales, who defeated Malta 5-4 to secure first place in group D before receiving the news that Darren Morgan, the captain, would be flying home to be with his mother, who is seriously ill. He will be replaced by Mark Bennett for the quarter-final against Thailand.

Scotland boasted the best record in the round-robin phase when they displaced Canada at the head of group B with an 8-1 victory over Hong Kong. The favourites dropped only seven of 36 frames in booking a quarter-final against Northern Ireland.

Only a 6-3 defeat, or worse, against New Zealand could have prevented Northern Ireland qualifying, but when Mark Canovan won the opening frame against Joe Swail, they were under pressure.

That intensified when Dene O'Kane led Terry Murphy 55-29 in the second frame with only the last five colours remaining. Murphy, of Londonderry, laid the snooker required and cleared to the black to subdue the New Zealand challenge.

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ACADEMY OF SPORT: JOINT BID ATTRACTS HEAVYWEIGHT BACKING

Heyford hoping to nurture winners

BY DAVID MILLER

THE joint bid by Oxfordshire County Council, Cherwell District Council and the British Olympic Association (BOA) to create and manage the new British Academy of Sport at Heyford, Oxfordshire, revealed yesterday, is comprehensive.

Indeed, it might provide the incentive for Steve Redgrave to remain in Great Britain. The four-times Olympic rowing gold medal-winner is considering a coaching offer from Australia for himself and his wife, who is the doctor to the Britain rowing team.

He said yesterday that possible involvement with Heyford could tempt him to remain in Britain, which he would prefer. The academy would be built on 145 acres of the former United States Air Force base, close to the M40, near Bicester. The bid was launched yesterday by Douglas Hurd, the former Foreign Secretary, who said it met "all the criteria of the National Heritage prospectus".

It would occupy a single, greenfield site, as stipulated by the Government, and it is sports-led, the BOA being the agreed "in-house" management.

The Heyford group has some big commercial players on board: Wimpey, Taylor Woodrow, the Vestey Group, Southern Electric, Mars. They will raise £75 million to add to the Government's promised £100 million from lottery funds.

The BOA will pay £1 million per annum from its own resources towards the £9 million annual administrative costs, which are expected to be substantially met by £8 million annual income.

Craig Reedie, the BOA chairman, is optimistic that the Heyford bid offers the right blend between private enterprise, innovation, and established elite sports management. The Oxfordshire and Cherwell councils have guaranteed permission — a critical factor. Wimpey would build 1,000 homes, including accommodation for 750 athletes, and the project would create 1,500 jobs.

"The Heyford group is happy that the management will be in the hands of sport," Reedie said. "That's a significant difference [from other bids] and that is why we are comfortable with them."

A key factor in the academy will be the involvement of the three big non-Olympic sports upon which British prestige resides, along with the Olympic Games: football, cricket and rugby union.

The BOA has had lengthy discussions with all three sports concerning their long-term involvement at Heyford. It is rumoured that the FA is less than happy with its situation at Lilleshall.

Besides those organisations mentioned, Heyford would embrace Oxford University and Oxford Brookes University, the British Wheelchair Sports Foundation and Eton College, which is developing an international two-kilometre rowing course.

Heyford will also be establishing purpose-built technology in the fields of medicine, sports science, research and coaching that will be available to every sport, avoiding repeated and expensive duplication.

BOWLS

Scots fall prey to home run

FROM DAVID RHYS JONES IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG, whose bowling population is barely 1,000, is nevertheless brave enough to challenge the world's best bowlers each year, with the expressed intention of exposing home-grown players to competition at the highest level.

The field for the Manulife Regent International Pairs Classic, which got under way here yesterday, contains three world champions and many more who were good enough to compete in the world championships in Adelaide in March.

The first-round success of a select Hong Kong pair against the holders of the title will undoubtedly do wonders for local morale. Willie Lai and Anthony Carstairs did not merely beat Kenny Logan and Alex Marshall, of Scotland, they overwhelmed them, and the 26-17 final score did the winners scant justice.

The Scots, to their credit, bounced back in the floodlit evening session to defeat another local pair, Roger Tse and Tony Yiu, of the Victoria Club, 33-17.

Andy Wills and Stuart Airey, from England, won both their matches against local opposition and Jeremy Henry and Noel Graham, of Ireland, also managed two wins.

CRICKET

Hollioake absorbs lesson

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ADAM HOLLIOAKE, captain of the England A team in Australia, believes the players can draw valuable lessons from the side's nine-wicket defeat by a New South Wales XI in the opening match, in which Stuart MacGill and Dave Freedman shared 16 England wickets.

"To come up against two wrist spinners in the first game, particularly one of the quality of MacGill, was very difficult, considering there are not many bowlers of this type in England," Hollioake said, as the side prepared for two matches against South Australia, the Sheffield Shield champions — a one-day game tomorrow and a four-day match over the weekend.

"I am glad we met wrist spin so early in the tour. Now the boys are aware of what they are up against in Australia."

Jason Gallian, who has cracked a bone in his hand, will miss tomorrow's match and Michael Vaughan, of Yorkshire, will open the innings. The Derbyshire fast bowler, Andrew Harris, is expected to play, probably at the expense of Dean Headley.

David Graveney, the touring team manager, who has withdrawn as a candidate for the chairmanship of the England selectors, believes Graham Gooch has all the qualities needed to take over from Raymond Illingworth.

"Graham's status within the game is similar to that of Mike Gatting and Ian Botham. They have been heroes as players, and the man in the street would probably see him as the best choice," Graveney said. "If the person is a respected enough individual, I think it's irrelevant whether he is still a player."

Graveney also said that there could be a role for John Barclay, the former Sussex player, who managed England's tour to South Africa last winter alongside Illingworth. "I share the view that it's crucial that we have some success, and they both have great qualities."

The West Indies were beaten by three wickets by an Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI in the opening match of their tour in Perth yesterday. The Chairman's XI romped to 258 for seven in only 42 overs after West Indies had made 256 for nine in their 50 overs.

The touring side seemed certain winners when the Chairman's XI slumped to 95 for six against Ian Bishop, but Brendon Julian, with 96 from 52 balls, and Tom Moody, with 66 from 74 balls, took a heavy toll of the slow bowlers.

SQUASH

Jackman continues to progress

CASSANDRA JACKMAN'S punishing pursuit of Michelle Martin, the former world champion, continued in the United States on Sunday when she defeated the Australian for the third time in 15 days, winning the Philadelphia Open final 9-6, 10-8, 4-9, 9-4 (Colin McQuillan writes).

With Martin already displaced after nearly four years as world No 1, by her compatriot, Sarah FitzGerald, the new world champion, Jackman's victories in the world team championship final, the semi-finals of the Carol Weymuller and the Philadelphia Open must take her close to pushing Martin into third place on the next ranking list.

Jackman, 23, from Norfolk, said: "I am benefiting so much from changing my movement patterns and some of my racket work in recent months. It is building my confidence every time I play."

England's success continued in the men's event in Philadelphia, with Jason Nicolle, of Nottingham, beating Stephan Castellan, of Belgium, 15-9, 15-8, 15-8 in the final.

England's top-ranked man, Del Harris, of Essex, was less successful over the weekend, however, in his pursuit of Jansher Khan, the world champion from Pakistan. In the final of the Heliopolis Open in Cairo, late on Sunday night, Jansher defeated Harris, the world No 6, 15-10, 15-11, 15-13.

BASKETBALL

Leopards set for cup classic

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

THE Leopards, who completed the line-up for the quarter-finals of the Classic Cola National Cup with their 112-103 win over Chester Jets late on Sunday, will visit Thames Valley Tigers for a place in the last four on November 16.

The victims of an upset by Crystal Palace at the same stage last season, the Budweiser League's joint leaders advanced this time after scoring 14 successive points early in the second half at Chester. The Tigers had lost seven of their previous eight games before their one-point success over Derby Storm on Saturday.

The three other quarter-finals will take place on November 15. London Towers, the holders, will hope to repeat their early-season league victory over Manchester Giants at Wembley. Sheffield Sharks, beaten finalists last year and joint league leaders, receive Leicester Riders, one of the surprise teams of the season, and Birmingham Bullets travel to Newcastle Eagles, their visitors in the league next Saturday.

By then, the Eagles will be able to call on the 6ft 3in American guard, Ralph Blalock, 22, whom they have signed from Towson State University in Baltimore.

QUARTER-FINAL DRAW: London Towers v Manchester Giants; Sheffield Sharks v Leicester Riders, Newcastle Eagles v Birmingham Bullets (all to be played on November 15), Thames Valley Tigers v The Leopards (November 16).

EQUESTRIANISM

Wembley discards dressage

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

THE Volvo World Cup dressage qualifier is to be dropped from the Horse of the Year Show programme, after only two years, as part of a restructuring of the event.

Wembley Stadium Limited, which leases the show from the British Show Jumping Association (BSJA), has decided that the dressage qualifier, the only one in Great Britain, is not popular enough, too costly and takes up too much time in an already crowded programme.

"We were disappointed that the event did not attract more of the top riders," Jerry Heaver, the show manager, said yesterday. "As we are keen to return to only one arena next year, a lot of hard decisions have had to be taken. There are no sacred cows, something had to go — and it turned out to be the dressage."

Ulf Bergqvist, Volvo's director of equestrian sports, expressed regret at the decision. "It will not be easy to find a replacement for the qualifier," he said, "but interest in dressage in Britain is on the increase — perhaps partly due to Volvo — and we hope to be back as soon as possible."

David Hunt, the chairman of the British Horse Society's dressage group, described the decision as "a great loss. Wembley provided an excellent shop-window for the sport."

Wembley is now in the third year of its seven-year lease of the show from the BSJA but is still struggling to find a winning formula.

Only 50 per cent of the total seats available were sold for this year's show and Heaver was disappointed that the pièce de résistance, the Cadre Noir, for which Wembley paid a six-figure sum, was not as big a draw as expected. "There were a lot of successful things, especially the new infrastructure, but we need to take the show back to basics — and not be afraid to upset the traditionalists when we make changes," he said.

Changes proposed for next year include running the show from Monday to Saturday — this year it ran from Wednesday to Sunday — and a substantial increase in the prize-money for international showjumping events in order to attract more of the leading riders from overseas.

The time-consuming national showjumping classes, a traditional part of Wembley, will also come under scrutiny. "We're trying to do a total restructuring of the sport as a whole," Heaver said. "We need to have more of a say in what goes on, right down to the qualifying events."

ICE HOCKEY

Devils forced to work overtime

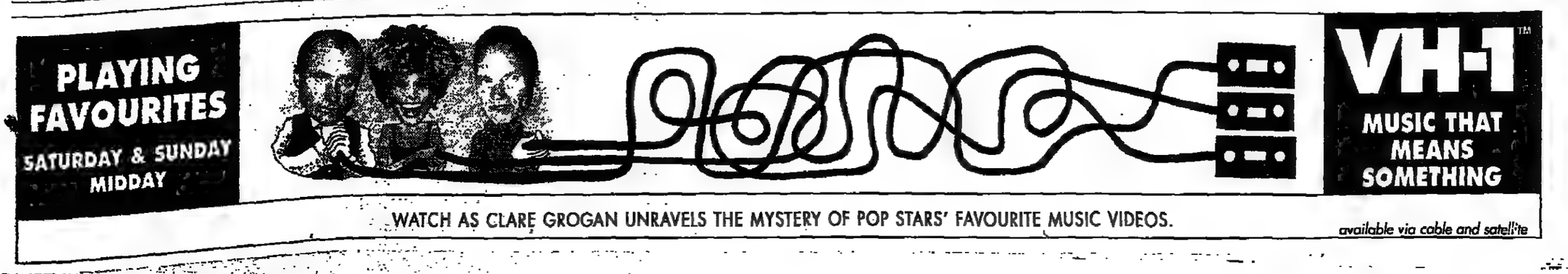
THE Cardiff Devils players will be looking for a little extra money in their pay packets this week, both of their weekend games having gone to overtime (Norman de Mesquita writes).

Against Nottingham Panthers on Saturday, only 71 seconds remained in the ten-minute extra period when Ivan Matulik scored his second goal to give the Devils a 3-2 victory. On Sunday, it was Ian Cooper's second goal of the evening that proved decisive, giving Cardiff a 5-4 win over Newcastle Cobras in the fourth minute of overtime.

Bracknell Bees continue to struggle. They were beaten 3-1 at home by Manchester Storm on Saturday and 7-2 on Sunday by Ayr Scottish Eagles. Basingstoke Bison bounced back from the disappointment of elimination from the Benson and Hedges Cup with an 8-3 win in Manchester.

Peterborough Pirates, facing extinction, attracted a crowd of 1,000 to the 7-4 home victory against Telford Tigers. They have asked for their next three games to be postponed and it is hoped that a rescue package can be put together.

Some of the penalties assessed after the recent Nottingham-Cardiff game have been increased. Marty Yewchuk, of the Devils, is now out until the end of December, more than doubling his nine-game suspension. Mike Blaisdell, the Nottingham coach, has been given a two-game ban.



Oliver Holt finds fear and temptation pervading American football

Pitfalls lurk in land of the Giants

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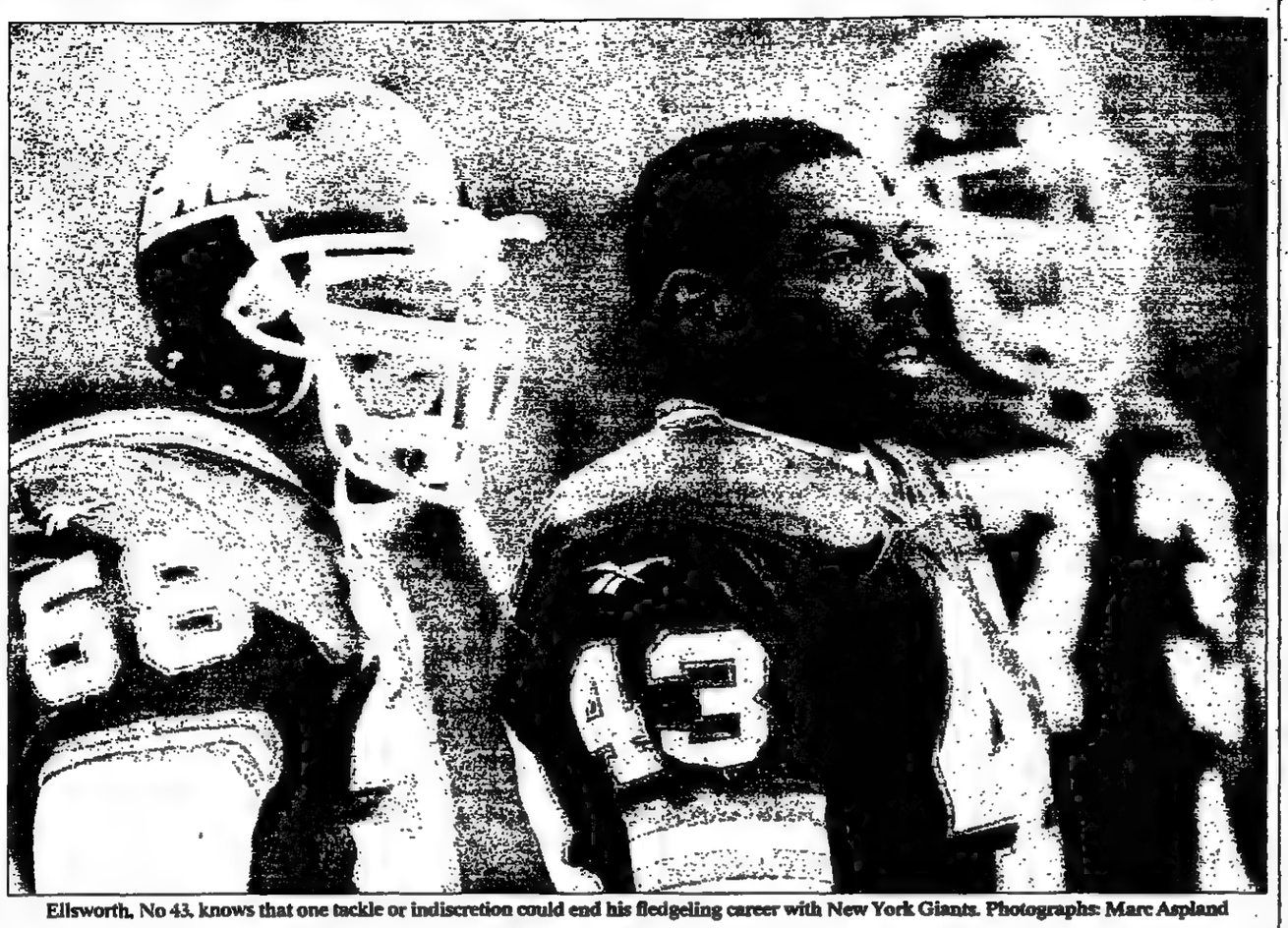


Ellsworth, No 43, knows that one tackle or indiscretion could end his fledgeling career with New York Giants. Photographs: Marc Aspland

An empty stretcher lay by the door, and in the shadows a young woman rocked her head from side to side, weeping silently. She stayed in the darkness of the tunnel while the New York Giants players thundered past her towards their locker-room and the Tannoy system blasted out *Walking on Sunshine* for the benefit of the fans seeping out of Giants' Stadium into the New Jersey dusk on Sunday.

After 20 minutes, the woman leapt to her feet. Tyrone Wheatley, the Giants' running back, who had been carried unconscious from the field after a jolting collision with a 6ft 3in, 20-stone member of Arizona Cardinals, staggered out of the medical room and was led gently back to his team-mates. The sobbing ceased. Wheatley only had heavy concussion. Many people, including his partner, had feared worse.

In the locker-room, the Giants were busy celebrating their 16-8 win, their second successive victory. It had lifted them off the bottom of the eastern division of the National Football Conference and taken them to within one victory of Dallas Cowboys, the winners of the Super Bowl last season.

The Giants' victory hardly eclipsed the recent feat of the New York Yankees baseball team. It did not even knock a Knicks' basketball win off the back pages. But it did quieten the unrest of supporters who have experienced two Super Bowl triumphs in the past ten years and who were beginning to wonder if they would ever see players of the calibre of Lawrence Taylor and Phil Simms again.

At first, there was little sympathy for Wheatley amid the boisterous aftermath of the win. As he sat, dazed, by his locker, trying to take the protective tape off his knees, Howard Cross, the Giants' right end, leant over him. "Wheat went night-night," he said, over and over again, laughing and pointing.

On the other side of the room, though, the smile had disappeared from the face of Percy Ellsworth. The threat of injuries and the pressure to recover quickly from them blights the National Football League (NFL), and for the Giants, who can see the bright lights of Manhattan beckoning them from across the Hudson River like siren songs, they are one more pitfall that has to be sidestepped.

Ellsworth, 22, a genial, articulate player from a "real small town" in Southampton County, Virginia, is one of the youngest players on a Giants team that is comfortably the youngest in the NFL. He says he is a "home body", someone who prefers the company of his family to endless parties.

He wants to finish his accounting degree at the end of the season and has chosen to stay in a hotel until the Giants' attempt to reach the Super Bowl ends, so he can go straight home to Virginia rather than see out the end of a year's lease on an apartment. He is not tempted by the thought of taking a big, juicy bite out of a forbidden fruit like the Big Apple.

All around him and his young team-mates, there are high-profile examples of how things can go wrong. Michael Irvin, the Dallas wide receiver, suspended for five games for drug abuse, is one. Brett Favre, the Green Bay Packers quarterback, battling to overcome addiction to painkillers, is another. It is what one former player recently called "the dark side of the game".

Ellsworth, who plays at safety — the last line of the defence — and is being tipped for great things, has avoided problems so far. Even when things were going badly at the start of this season, his first in the NFL, when the back page of the *New York Post* screamed that the Giants were "Halfway to Nowhere" after a miserable first eight games, he kept things in perspective, kept himself to himself, kept out of trouble.

Perhaps it is because he nearly did not make it to the NFL that he is so determined to make the most of it. In the annual pre-season college draft, he was ignored by every team and condemned to an anxious future as a free agent, a player searching for a club. The Giants gave him a chance and he has grasped it, but he knows he has committed himself to an uncertain future.

"You try not to think about injuries," he said, "because if you do, you can't play your game. But you can't help thinking about it. It would only take one play; you could put your knee out. You could be paralysed.

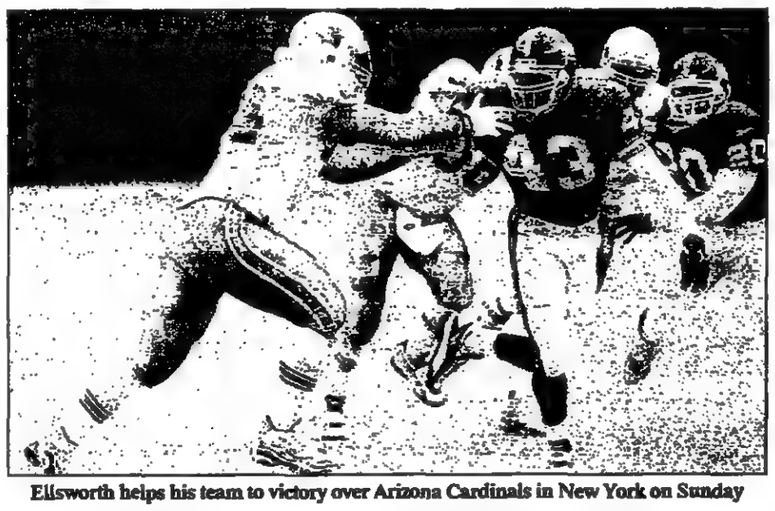
"It is high impact. You're crashing into each other at full speed. You hope that God will bless you and you will not be injured. You try to put yourself in the best physical condition so that, if you do get hurt, you heal quickly.

"A lot of times, you play hurt. They are pretty good here about not asking you to play through pain, but there is a difference between being hurt and being injured. That's what I was always taught: everybody's hurt, but not everybody's injured.

"If you are hurting just a little bit, like you have a sprained ankle, you have to go out there for the team. If you really can't go, you can't go. But if you've just got a fever or something, you've got to give it up and play. If you don't dwell on it, you can overcome it.

"As far as nightlife and that sort of thing goes, I know I am a New York Giant first and Percy Ellsworth second. Everything I do is under the magnifying glass. But, see, with me, as long as I got a bed, a TV and my Sony playstation, that's all I need. That's what pleases me."

Wheatley, by the way, spent Sunday night under observation in the Hospital for Special Surgery in Manhattan. He is not expected to play against Carolina Panthers next week.



Ellsworth helps his team to victory over Arizona Cardinals in New York on Sunday

TOMORROW

The Great One lends his weight to the Rangers Stanley Cup campaign

Vincent reins back errant Cowboys

THE momentum the Dallas Cowboys gained last week from their crushing victory over the Miami Dolphins and their former coach, Jimmy Johnson, was brought to a juddering halt in Texas on Sunday (Oliver Holt writes).

Another triumph was snatched away from them by the Philadelphia Eagles in a game that could prove to be the turning point of the season for both teams.

The Cowboys were on the brink of a fine comeback win over the Eagles, who lead the National Football Conference eastern division, when Troy Aikman, the metronomic quarterback who has been responsible for so much of the Cowboys' success in the past four years, threw an interception late in the fourth quarter. Everyone had been expecting the decisive touchdown.

Aikman's pass was picked off by James Willis, the Eagles' linebacker, who passed it to Troy Vincent. Vincent ran the length of the field for a touchdown to seal a 31-21 win for Philadelphia.

"This was a 60-minute dogfight, no compassion," Vincent said. "No one expected us to win. This is a step in the right direction. It was the biggest game of the season."

After nine games, the Cowboys, winners of the Super Bowl last year, appear to be sliding into mediocrity, weakened by their inability to retain crucial players because of a salary cap imposed by the National Football League (NFL). The Eagles have won seven of their nine games and, after the Washington Redskins suffered a 38-13 hammering by the Buffalo Bills, are suddenly firm favourites to win the division.

Their path to the Super Bowl, though, is likely to be blocked by the Green Bay Packers. Brett Favre, their quarterback, shrugged off the absence of his two favourite receivers to throw four touchdown passes in the 28-18 win over the Detroit Lions, leaving them with the best record in the NFL.

Johnson's problems, meanwhile, continued when the Dolphins were humbled 42-23 by the New England Patriots.

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NFL DETAILS

RESULTS: Atlanta 20 Carolina 17; Baltimore 21 Cincinnati 24, Chicago 13 Tampa Bay 10, Dallas 21 Philadelphia 31; Green Bay 28 Detroit 18; Indianapolis 19 San Diego 26, New York Giants 16 Arizona 6; Pittsburgh 42 St Louis 6; Buffalo 38 Washington 13; Minnesota 6 Kansas City 21, New England 42 Miami 23, Seattle 23 Houston 16; New Orleans 17 San Francisco 24

American Conference

Eastern division

	W	L	PF	PA
New England	6	3	244	188
Buffalo	6	3	167	159
Indianapolis	5	4	159	171
Miami	4	5	201	192
NY Jets	1	8	145	233

Central division

Pittsburgh	7	2	206	126
Houston	5	4	199	176
Baltimore	3	6	217	258
Cincinnati	3	6	180	202
Jacksonville	3	6	172	181

Western division

Denver	7	1	223	134
Kansas City	6	3	179	148
San Diego	5	4	198	212
Oakland	4	4	179	148
Seattle	4	5	164	216

National Conference

Eastern division

	W	L	PF	PA
Philadelphia	7	2	211	179
Washington	7	2	205	153
Dallas	6	4	186	148
NY Giants	4	5	140	162
Arizona	3	6	127	204

Central division

Green Bay	8	1	268	117
Minnesota	6	4	148	152
Chicago	4	5	132	175
Detroit	4	5	157	157
Tampa Bay	1	8	95	178

Western division

San Francisco	7	2	217	132
Carolina	5	4	190	131
New Orleans	2	7	138	204
St Louis	2	7	142	264
Atlanta	1	8	160	244

(Not including last night's results)

FIXTURES: Sunday: Cincinnati v Pittsburgh; Kansas City v Green Bay; Miami v Indianapolis; New Orleans v Houston; New York Jets v New England; Philadelphia v Buffalo, St Louis v Atlanta, Tampa Bay v Oakland; Washington v Arizona, Denver v Chicago; Jacksonville v Baltimore; Seattle v Minnesota. San Francisco v Dallas; Carolina v New York Giants. Monday: San Diego v Detroit.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday November 9

Coupon: No, fixture, forecast

FIRST DIVISION

1 * Barnsley v Norwich X
2 * Charlton v Grimsby 1
3 Ipswich v Southend 1
4 Oldham v Portsmouth 2
5 * Reading v Tranmere X
6 * Stoke v Wolves 2
7 West Brom v P Vale X

SECOND DIVISION

8 Blackp'l v Bournem'th 1
9 Brentford v Stockport 1
10 Bristol C v Millwall X
11 Burnley v Crewe X
12 Bury v York 1
13 Chest'f'd v Preston 1
14 Luton v Notts Co 1
15 Rotherham v Watford 2
16 Str'sbury v Bristol R 2
17 Walsall v Peterboro 1
18 Wycombe v Plymouth 2

THIRD DIVISION

19 Barnet v Rochdale 1
20 Brighton v Mansfield 1
21 Carlisle v Swansea 1
22 Cardiff v Fulham 2
23 Chester v Hull X
24 Exeter v Leyton O 2
25 Lincoln v Darlington 1
26 North'pton v Carlisle X
27 Scarboro v Hartlepool 1
28 Sourth'pe v D'caster X
29 Torquay v Colchester 1
30 Wigan v Hereford 1

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE

31 Bath v Halifax X
32 Bromsgrove v Stevenage 2
33 Farnboro v Kettering 1
34 Gateshead v Welling 1
35 Hayes v Stalybridge 1
36 Hednesford v Altrincham 1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

37 Airdrie v Dundee 1
38 Falkirk v Stirling 1
39 St Mirren v Clydebank 1

SECOND DIVISION

40 Ayr v Stenh'muir 1
41 Brechin v Livingston 2
42 Dumbarton v Clyde 2
43 Hamilton v Stranraer X
44 Q of South v Berwick 1

THIRD DIVISION

45 Alloa v Ross 1
46 Arbroath v Montrose X
47 Forfar v E Stirling 1
48 Inverness v Albion X
49 Q Park v Cowd'b'th 2

* Pools panel to adjudicate

DRAWS (home teams): West Brom, Bristol City, Burnley, Chester, Northampton, Scunthorpe, Bath, Hamilton, Arbroath, Inverness.

BEST DRAWS: Bristol City, Burnley, Chester, Northampton, Hamilton.

AWAYS: Watford, Plymouth, Fulham, Leyton Orient, Stevenage

HOMES: Ipswich, Luton, Brighton, Lincoln, Scarborough, Torquay, Wigan, Gateshead, St Mirren, Queen of the South.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Luton, Brighton, Lincoln, Scarborough, St Mirren. Aways: Leyton Orient, Livingston, Clyde. Draws: Bristol City, Burnley, Northampton.

☐ Vince Wright

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

MOHO

(c) An ultra deep drilling project. An abbreviation of the *Mohorovičić* discontinuity, an eponym of A. Mohorovičić (1857-1936) a Yugoslav seismologist, between the earth's crust and the mantle which is believed to exist at a depth of about 10-12km under the ocean beds and 40-50km under the continents.

MACROBIOTE

(a) A long-liver, from the Greek *makrós* long + *biotos* living. The Thessalian mountaineers were the macrobiotes, the long-livers, par excellence, of the Roman Empire."

MACRON

(c) A straight horizontal line placed over a vowel to indicate that it is long. From the Greek *makrón* the neuter of *makrós* long. "The different uses made of the breve, the macron, and the accents."

MAUGH

(c) A near (male) connection by marriage: a brother-in-law or son-in-law. The glossaries of North and Mid Yorkshire give a sense of colleague or partner. From the Old Norse *mág-r* son-in-law, brother-in-law, father-in-law.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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RADIO CHOICE

Over before it begins?

The Race for the White House. *Radio 5 Live. 12 midnight.*

Can there be anyone left who seriously doubts that the American election is over bar the counting, especially now that a leading genealogist, quoted by *The Times* last week, revealed that the candidate with most royal genes has always won the race for the White House? Apparently, President Clinton has more of them than Mr Dole. Radio 5 Live's team of reporters and pundits may have to clutch at straws like this to hang on to our interest during the station's coverage of the elections. The marathon broadcast begins at midnight our time and continues until six tomorrow morning. The plans are ambitious — "To interview the biggest personalities in all walks of life in the United States."

Burn. *Radio 4. 2.00pm.*

I should imagine it is a safe bet to say that more than one resident of Newick and Lewes in West Sussex will be tuning in to Ted Walker's short play. It was recorded in their streets during last year's Guy Fawkes night celebrations, when rockets hissed and bangers did what they are supposed to do. Did they know, I wonder, that the play being recorded was about Young Nick (Simon Cook) who, dressed as Old Nick was prodding fat ladies with his trident and plaguing his form teacher, who also happens to be the night's MC. But it is not all about a revengeful schoolboy's bonfire night pranks. The title as good as tells you that.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

6.30am Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, includes at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session, with Jo Whiley and Steve Lamacq **9.00** Cling Film with Mark Kermode and Mary Anne Hobbs **10.00** Mark Radcliffe, live from Manchester **12.00** Claire Sturgess, incl 1.15am The Net **4.00** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy, includes Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hayes Over Britain **8.30** The Women in His Life (3/8) **9.00** Gunpowder, Treason and — What? **10.00** The Sexton's Tales. A series starring George Cole as the sexton of Highgate Cemetery (8/6) **10.30** The Jamessons **12.05am** Steve Madden, includes at 1.30 Pause for Thought **3.00** Alex Lester, incl 3.30 Pause for Thought

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at 5.45 Wake up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at 6.55, 7.55 racing preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at 12.35pm Moneycheck **2.05** Rsacce on Five **4.00** Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl at 7.20 Sports Bulletin **7.35** The Tuesday Match, with Mark Pougatch **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra **12.00** Election 96 — the Race for the White House. See Choice

TALK RADIO

5.00am Early Breakfast **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Anna Raeburn **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Drivetime, with Peter Deeley **7.00** Moz Dee's Sportszone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

4.30am Europe Today **5.30** Europe Today **6.30** Global Gardening **6.45** Development '96 **7.15** Off the Shelf **7.30** New Ideas **7.50** Wavegude **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Pick of the World **8.45** Good Books **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Inspiration **9.45** Sport **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Off the Shelf **11.30** Meridian Feature **12.05pm** World Business Report **12.15** Britain Today **12.30** Counterpoint **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Multitrack **3.05** Sports **3.15** History Today **3.30** Green History of the Planet **4.15** World Today **4.30** BBC English **4.45** Britain Today **5.30** World Business Report **5.45** Sport **6.30** Counterpoint **7.01** Outlook **7.30** Megamix **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Britain Today **9.30** Meridian **10.30** World Today **10.45** Sport **11.10** Voicebox **11.15** History Today **11.30** Megamix **12.30am** Folk Routes **12.45** Britain Today **1.30** Outlook **1.55** Words of Faith **2.00** Newsday Special **3.15** Sport **3.30** Meridian On Screen

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto. Johann Baptist Georg Neruda (Trumpet Concerto in Eb) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata. JS Bach (Violin Sonata No 2 in A major) **7.00** Opera **8.00** Concert. Walton (Spitfire Prelude and Fugue); de Falla (Ritual Fire Dance). Prokofiev (Winter Bonfire); Handel (Music for the Royal Fireworks); Scriabin (Prometheus — The Poem of Fire); Wagner (Magic Fire Music); Stravinsky (Firebird) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyle (PM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Jeremy Clark

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Monteverdi (Laudate Dominum); Percy Fletcher (Two Parisian Sketches)
9.00 Morning Collection. Includes Grieg (Peer Gynt Suite No 2); Tchaikovsky (1812 Overture)
10.00 Musical Encounters. Includes G Gabrieli (O Jubilate Deo and O Jesu Mi Dulcissime); Elgar (The Kingdom, Parts 2 and 3)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Percy Grainger. Presented by Andrew Lyle in conversation with Penelope Thwaites. Includes tracks from *Salute to Percy Grainger* with Benjamin Britten conducting the English Chamber Orchestra and the Ambrosian Singers
1.00pm News; The BBC Orchestras. BBC National Orchestra of Wales conductor George Hurst, Tasmin Little, violin. Mendelssohn (Overture The Hebrides, Fingal's Cave); Sibelius (Violin Concerto); Brahms (Symphony No 1 in C minor)
2.40 Ensemble (r)
3.25 The BBC Orchestras. BBC National Orchestra of Wales, conductor Mark Wigglesworth, Robert Cohen, cello. Wagner (Prelude to Act 1 Parsifal); Shostakovich (Cello Concerto No 1); Sibelius (Symphony No 2)
5.00 The Music Machine. Goss on a Vaugh Williams pilgrimage to the village church of Down Ampney, Glos and Leith Hill, Surrey
6.15 In Tune. Mairi Nicolson's guest is Wayne Marshall, organist in residence at Manchester's new Bridgewater Hall. Includes Sinfindim (Concerto for Orchestra, Naughty Limericks); Bach (Prelude and Fugue in D minor)
7.30 Pebble Mill. Live from Birmingham. Dong-Suk Kang, violin, Raphael Wallfisch, cello and David Owen Norris, piano. Three pieces composed by Brahms in the summer of 1888, plus a specially commissioned story by Rose Tremain
9.20 Frames. Abdel Moneim Ramadan discusses and reads his work, in particular the poem which recently brought him into conflict with the authorities
9.35 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Philharmonic, conductor Sachio Fujioka, Martin Winter, trumpet. Arutunian (Trumpet Concerto); Shostakovich (Symphony No 5)
10.45 Night Waves. Richard Coles talks to biographer John Richardson about the second half of Picasso's life. In Senegal, Lucy Duran talks to Cheikh Lo, who will open the London Jazz Festival in a concert with Youssou N'Dour at the Royal Festival Hall
11.30 Composers of the Week: Hildegard of Bingen and Arvo Part. Includes Hildegard (Caritas Abundat in Omnia and Sequentia); Part (College on the Theme of BACH) (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes. Digby Fairweather and Campbell Burnap review the best new swing CDs
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW)
6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross
10.00 News; Gosling on Espana (FM) (5/5)
10.00 Daily Service; On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray
11.30 All in the Mind. The last of the series
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Hoard 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One. With Sheena McDonald in London and Nick Clarke in the United States
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Burn. See Choice
2.30 Comparing Notes with Brian Kay
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan. Dave Moutray, pyrotechnics enthusiast, recounts his experiences of travelling the world in search of the ultimate firework display
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan reads Tobias Wolff's new novel *The Night in Question* and two books by Holocaust survivors
4.45 Short Story: Dilemma, by Ken Saro-Wiwa. Read by Claire Benedict
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Chambers: The Cab Rank Rule. Clive Coleman's sitcom about the questionable practices of a group of barristers. Fuller-Carp wins instant recognition when he extols the high moral standards of the Bar. With John Bird and James Fleet (3/5) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Fife on 4, with Liz Carney
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 The Spirit of Place: The Death of Miss Agatha Feakes, by Louis de Bernieres. Set in the Surrey village where Louis grew up feeling fascinated about one of the elderly villagers and her menagerie. He imagines her last day on earth, somewhere near Guildford
9.00 In Touch, with Peter White. With news, views and information for visually impaired people
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Adventures in the Skin Trade, by Dylan Thomas (2/5)
11.00 Medtumwave, with Vincent Hanna (r)
11.30 I Was That Teenager (FM). John Cole, the BBC's former political editor, tells Hunter Davies about his Belfast adolescence which was marked by bombs and the blackout during the Second World War (2/6) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00 News incl 12.27am approx Weather
12.30 The Late Book: First Church of the New Millenium (7/10)
12.48 Shipping 1.00 As World Service

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Comic-book characters without the usual wit

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

It's hip to be glib in telly detective drama at the moment. Blame Fitz in *Cracker*. In theory, you see, a sardonic hero sort-of bridges the divide between seriousness and comedy, and thus guarantees all-round entertainment. Unluckily, last night's **Sharman** (ITV) had taken the glib imperative too thoroughly to heart, and whenever you could visualise the stage directions on the page, they said "glib", "with glibness" or "glibly". So Clive Owen's new south London detective travelled untouched through a preposterous plot of Mafia wars, cardboard subsidiaries and multiple (boring) explosions, and all with a character so shallow that you could see through him to the tubes inside the telly. Sharman was glibness without restraint. And it was terrible.

Guy Jenkin, who wrote this first episode, is better known as a comedy writer (*Drop the Dead Donkey*, *Crossing the Floor*) and this probably explains a lot. Exposing shallowness is a useful thing in a political satire; jokes and farcical coincidence reside happily there as well. But Sharman's plot entailed serious events such as shootings, deaths and regular balls of fire, and its intention was not — or not ostensibly — comic send-up. So it slid between stools and disappeared from view. Prohibiting the viewer's emotional involvement makes sense in a satire; but when the hero's bystander girlfriend dies in his arms *and it's all his fault* a bit of emotional involvement is surely a sine qua non.

So it's fair to say I *didn't like it*. At 90 minutes it was interminable, yet curiously railroaded. Sharman fell in love with Jane (Samantha Janus) in less than a minute — she reciprocated, and was wasted, and that was that. All we knew about her was her job (Page Three girl) which perhaps accounted for her paper-thinness. She had a Docklands flat with river views (unlikely), talked sexy and maternal like Sharon in *EastEnders*, and had slept with only two or three men. In short, she was a fantasy woman. "Is your life always like this?" she asked Sharman, breathlessly, after his car was blown up for the umpteenth time. "Yeah," he admitted. A classic comic-book exchange between rugged hero and huge-eyed dolly girl which, transposed to the screen without wit, was just an insult.

Happily, Monday nights for the next four weeks are saved from misery by **The Crow Road** (BBC2), a quite breathtakingly subtle and engaging adaptation of Iain Banks's novel. Directed by Gavin Millar and adapted by Bryan Elsley, this is such high-class, delicately witty stuff that watching it I nearly burst into tears of gratitude. (I had just watched *Sharman*.)

So the story concerns young Prentice McHoan (Joseph McFadden) and the mystery of his long-lost Uncle Rory (Peter Capaldi with curly long hair, like Jesus). Family is important to Prentice; memory and landscape are important too. The intense cleverness of last night's episode was that while the story hardly progressed forward, the narrative filled out and breathed like a novel with remembered scenes effortlessly laced together with humour. This family clearly needs to be known thoroughly, and the viewer's curiosity engaged. Well, mission accomplished on both counts there. What happened to Aunt Fiona (Stella Gonet)? What does Kenneth (Bill Paterson) mean when he says darkly that Rory "keeps in touch"? Why does Uncle Hamish pray for God's retribution on the "cheeky wee devils of the Khmer Rouge"?

Meanwhile, Prentice himself is a sweet character, funny and romantic ("I love you, Verity Walker!"). But McFadden's thick, George Robey eyebrows somehow remind you that his quest is serious, and that he's a bit of a Hamlet too: the crow road is a metaphor for death, and he seeks meaning despite warnings from his pragmatic father (Paterson, brilliant as ever) that no meaning exists. All the best drama recently seems to come from Scotland: *A Mug's Game*, *Takin' Over the Asylum* and the one-off play *Ruffian Hearts* were all superb. You could watch *The Crow Road* just for the landscape and not be disappointed.

Over on Channel 4, struggling as usual against big-buck drama, plucky **Cutting Edge** gave us a light-hearted film about women who have married into great houses. *Great House Wives* it was called, and the many ambiguities of the title were all intentional. These women were great, they were housewives, they were wives to stone and slate, and so on. Each had chosen a different approach to the job: one had opted for bustling businesswoman; one for curtain-making drudge; and one for phantom of the corridors. "You want to invest in a very energetic wife," advised David (Lord Cobbold) — and if you've ever heard Brian Aldridge in *The Archers* talk about his combine harvester, you will know the tone.

Feminism happened somewhere else, clearly. Pamela (Countess of Mansfield) ran the house and shop at Scone Palace, but made time to place tea (in a mug printed "The Boss") in easy reach of her lord. Chryssie (Lady Cobbold) drove to London every weekday to make dinner for her banker husband, because he refused to commute. Fiona (Lady Montagu of Beaulieu) sat in a kitchen eating scrambled egg while her husband talked about spark-plugs at a veteran car dinner under a marquee.

It was a clever film, and left room for your own observation. "We women in stately homes are merely passing through," complained Lady Montagu, referring to the system of primogeniture. But in her own curious case, she seemed to be passing through Beaulieu without even touching the sides.

6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (87969) **7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS** (Ceefax) (97540) **9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA** (Ceefax) (6534211)

9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (s) (1741018) **9.46 KILROY** (s) (8293292) **10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK** (s) (87785)

11.00 NEWS (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2086105)

11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW (s) (4604124) **11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE** (s) (6421476)

12.00 NEWS (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4347105) **12.05pm FLYING DOCTORS** (2008766) **12.50 A DIFFERENT COUNTRY PRACTICE** (r) (17949766)

1.00 NEWS (Ceefax) and weather (11327)

1.30 REGIONAL NEWS and weather (14606834)

1.40 NEIGHBOURS (Ceefax) (s) (24517834) **2.00 CALL MY BLUFF** (s) (2230) **2.30 THE TERRACE** (s) (834) **3.00 INCOGNITO** (s) (8037)

3.30 BRUM (r) (s) (3951018) **3.40 ROMUALD THE REINDEER** (s) (7814308) **3.50 THE ALL NEW POPEYE SHOW** (r) (Ceefax) (8604143) **4.10 OSCAR'S ORCHESTRA** (Ceefax) (s) (5004582) **4.35 THE QUEEN'S NOSE** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (1252679) **5.00 NEWSHOUND** (Ceefax) (6707389) **5.10 BYKER GROVE** (Ceefax) (s) (2829389)

5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (Ceefax) (s) (984105)

6.00 NEWS (Ceefax) and weather (563)

6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES (143)

7.00 HOLIDAY Reports from Marbella, a Colorado dude ranch, Florida and the Isle of Wight. (Ceefax) (s) (5178)

7.30 EASTENDERS As residents gather for a Bonfire Party, Lorraine worries about the effects the fireworks are having on Joe (Ceefax) (s) (327)

8.00 999 LIFESAVERS A series reconstructing extraordinary acts of heroism and bravery. With Michael Buerk and Juliet Morris (Ceefax) (s) (9766)

8.30 A QUESTION OF SPORT David Coleman, Ally McCoist and John Parrott are joined by Jonathan Edwards, Jeremy Guscott, Nasser Hussain and Sarah Hardcastle (Ceefax) (s) (1501)

9.00 NEWS (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2211)

9.30 AFTER THE BREAK Funny television commercials from around the world (Ceefax) (s) (19872). **WALES: WEEK IN WEEK OUT**

10.00 CRIMEWATCH UK presented by Nick Ross and Jill Dando. The cases include that of the missing student Melanie Hall, who has not been seen since visiting a Bath nightclub in June (Ceefax) (s) (389056)

10.45 OMNIBUS: ROYAL COURT DIARIES (Ceefax) (s) (549501)

11.35 CRIMEWATCH UK UPDATE (Ceefax) (s) (393389)

11.45 DECISION 96 Live coverage of the American Presidential Election, presented by David Dimbleby (138853). Ends at **6.00am**

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6.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY

7.15 BREAKFAST NEWS (6625650)

7.30 ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (4300327) **7.55 BLUE PETER** (r) (Ceefax) (7821921) **8.20 FIREMAN SAM** (3929360)

8.35 THE RECORD (6134940)

9.00 DAYTIME ON TWO: STANDARD GRADE ENGLISH (6532853) **9.20 THE GEOGRAPHY PROGRAMME** (1732360) **9.45 WATCH** (5968376) **10.00 PLAYDAYS** (62563) **10.25 FIREWORK SAFETY** (6357766) **10.30 COME OUTSIDE** (3164582) **10.45 SCIENCE ZONE** (4681056) **11.05 SPACE ARK** (2007698) **11.15 CLEMENTINE** (7344747) **11.30 ENGLISH COLLECTION** (8018) **12.00 SEE HEAR!** (76679) **12.30pm WORKING LUNCH** (97650) **1.00 TEACHING TODAY** (19969) **1.30 SHOWCASE** (14804476) **1.40 HOTCH POTCH HOUSE** (24515476) **2.00 FIREMAN SAM** (56740105) **2.10 THE FUGITIVE** (5040698)

3.00 NEWS (4453563) **3.05 WESTMINSTER WITH NICK ROSS** (6958018)

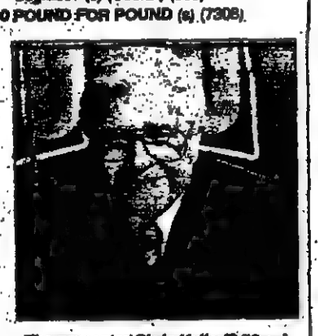
4.00 TODAY'S THE DAY (s) (376) **4.30 READY, STEADY, COOK** (s) (940) **5.00 THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW** (Ceefax) (s) (9560124) **5.40 PRUE LEITH'S TRICKS OF THE TRADE** (799124) **5.50 A WEEK TO REMEMBER** (o/w) (826230)

6.00 FRESH PRINCE OF BEL AIR (r) (s) (986124) **6.25 HEARTBREAK HIGH** (Ceefax) (s) (868105)

7.10 THE O ZONE (r) (s) (539650)

7.30 FIRST AMONG EQUALS Does gender have a bearing on the grading of degrees? (s) (Ceefax) (963)

8.00 POUND FOR POUND (s) (7308)



The presenter Chris Kelly (8.30pm)

8.30 FOOD AND DRINK With Chris Kelly, Michael Barry, Oz Clarke and Jilly Goolden (Ceefax) (s) (9143)

9.00 SYKES Vintage comedy (r) (s) (8263) **WALES: When Rover Met BMW 9.35 Alphabet of Britain 10.00-10.30 The Way It Is**

9.30 WHEN ROVER MET BMW (Ceefax) (s) (401582)

10.20 LUCINDA LAMBTON'S ALPHABET OF BRITAIN (r) (Ceefax) (s) (637292)

10.30 NEWSNIGHT live from Washington (Ceefax) (129114)

11.15 SOHO STORIES (s) (673327)

12.00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR (53254)

12.30-6.00am THE LEARNING ZONE: O.U.: GEOLOGY OF THE ALPS (49186) **1.00 VOLCANIC ICELAND** (80506) **1.30 MAGNETIC EARTH** (20612) **2.00 PSHE: LIFESCHOOL A-Z** (56693) **4.00 TEACHING AND LEARNING WITH IT** (15877) **5.00 INSIDE EUROPE** (79902)

CHOICE

Food and Drink
BBC2, 8.30pm

If you think that Jilly Goolden and Oz Clarke, for all their undoubted knowledge of wine, are two of the silliest people around, and if Loyd Grossman's vowels assail your eardrums, then you might think twice about catching the new series of *Food and Drink*. If, on the other hand, Jilly, Oz and Loyd are your favourite tipples, then prepare to sip their wisdom. Grossman is destined to play only a bit part in the series but we are promised plenty of Jilly and Oz, both in the studio and riding their tandem among the vineyards of Spain and Portugal. At least there can be little disagreement about Michael Barry, whose easy style, sensible approach and lack of gimmickry make him one of the best television cooks. Chris Kelly is your friendly host and there are the usual hard-nosed reports from the food front.

Animal Cannibals: To Eat Their Own
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Until recently scientists tended to dismiss cannibalism among animals as an aberration. But as this unsavoury documentary shows, the practice is all too common. From Argentina to Arizona and Scotland, the evidence is clear. There is cannibalism among scorpions, frogs, spiders, lizards and carrion crows. Not to mention some of the proudest beasts on the planet, such as brown bears, lions and chimpanzees. Footage of a male lion systematically killing and devouring a bunch of cubs may be enough to put you off wildlife films for ever. You may even have switched off before an even more distressing sequence involving a chimp. Scientists, though, are fascinated by what lies behind this behaviour and their theories are complex and sometimes surprising.

When Rover Met BMW
BBC2, 9.30pm

The hacks descend on the Italian Riviera for the press launch of the Rover 200 and hardly are they off the plane than there are complaints about the wine. But plenty more hospitality lies ahead, designed to encourage favourable reports on the car. From the post-junket comments, the treatment seems to have worked. Or perhaps this really is the vehicle Rover cracks it up to be. And so, bizarrely, begins a five-part look at how the last British volume car maker is faring under its German owners. For the real story is about not wining and dining motoring writers but BMW's plans for its overseas subsidiary. At Longbridge, at least, the message is to forget the Germans and think British. So much so that an executive seminar features images from great national treasures such as *Fawlty Towers*.

Omnibus: Royal Court Diaries
BBC1, 10.45pm (Scotland: tomorrow, 11.15pm)

For the Royal Court Theatre in London getting a £16 million National Lottery grant was the easy bit. Deciding how to use it to refurbish the crumbling Victorian building was a lot trickier. David Lan's film records a turbulent year in the history of the theatre as the artistic director, Stephen Daldry, nearly runs himself ragged trying to reconcile the often conflicting demands of actors, directors, business people, the local authority and the Arts Council. The lottery money falls half a million short of what is required. In any case it has to be matched by considerable funds from elsewhere. The architect's bold concept has to get past Kensington and Chelsea Council. As their verdict is awaited, plans to move to the West End while the Royal Court is being rebuilt, hang in the balance.

Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (1130785)

9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (1759037)

9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (2568834)

10.00 THE TIME... THE PLACE (66389)

10.30 THIS MORNING (24560940)

12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (4343389)

12.30 NEWS (Teletext) and weather (4419259)

12.55 SHORTLAND STREET (s) (4487650) **1.25 HIGH ROAD** (Teletext) (7383211) **2.00 HOME AND AWAY** (r) (Teletext) (s) (57535360) **2.25 CROSS WITS** (Teletext) (s) (57554495) **2.50 VANESSA** (Teletext) (s) (6365785)

3.20 NEWS (Teletext) (4460853)

3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (4469124)

3.30 POTAMUS PARK (3979414) **3.40 WIZADORA** (7809476) **3.50 ZOT THE DOG** (3973230) **4.05 GARFIELD AND FRIENDS** (9989259) **4.15 HEY ARNOLD!** (5099921) **4.40 THE WARD** (4449940)

5.10 WHAT'S MY LINE? (7754969)

5.40 NEWS (Teletext) and weather (433056)

6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (Teletext) (s) (973650)

6.25 HTV NEWS (Teletext) (148853)

7.00 EMMERDALE Biff receives good news (Teletext) (8414)

7.30 THE WOODWARD FILE Edward Woodward goes in search of region's farming roots, investigates a major threat to a traditional way of life and learns about the secret behind the walls of thousands of cottages across the region (r) (495)

8.00 THE BILL: Trap A tip-off on a robbery lands Slater in hot water (Teletext) (4834)

Roger Cook investigates (8.30pm)

8.30 THE COOK REPORT The investigative reporter exposes shady companies and con-men (Teletext) (s) (3969)

9.00 SOLDIER, SOLDIER A Second World War bomb is discovered and the clock begins to tick for Cate's unborn child (Teletext) (s) (5650)

10.00 NEWS (Teletext) and weather (64834)

10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (273766)

10.40 CANVAS Arts discussion programme, hosted by Paul Gough

11.40 HUNTER Hunter survives the attack and closes in on Big Jack, but when Big Jack's body is found Hunter becomes the prime suspect (113650)

12.45 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA (2851438)

1.30 FILM: China O'Brien (1988) A drama about a policewoman who leaves the force to return to her rural home town where her father is the sheriff (965761)

3.05 LATE & LOUD (s) (1743902)

4.05 THE CHART SHOW (r) (s) (3530709)

5.00 ON THE EDGE (73728)

5.30 NEWS (68709)

As HTV West except:

12.55pm HOME AND AWAY (4487650)

1.25 CROSS WITS (39043650)

1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (24521037)

2.20 VANESSA (57546476)

2.50 FROM THE GROUND UP (6365785)

5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7754969)

6.25-7.00 CENTRAL NEWS (148853)

7.30-8.00 RELATIVE VALUES (495)

10.40 Film: TOTAL RECALL (72066259)

12.45am HIGHLANDER (4147780)

1.40 LATE & LOUD (7742148)

2.45 Film: GAOLBREAK (549544)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.55 EMMERDALE (4487650)

1.25 CROSSWITS (39043650)

1.55 HOME AND AWAY (29297211)

2.25 VANESSA (57545747)

2.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (1703501)

5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (7754969)

6.00-7.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (69245)

7.30-8.00 GREAT LITTLE TRAINS (495)

10.40 Film: TOTAL RECALL (72066259)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

12.55 CROSS WITS (4487650)

1.25 HOME AND AWAY (39043650)

1.55 SHORTLAND STREET (24521037)

2.20 VANESSA (57546476)

2.50-3.20 HOPE AND GLORIA (6365785)

5.10 HOME AND AWAY (7754969)

6.00 MERIDIAN TONIGHT (259)

6.30-7.00 WHAT'S MY LINE? (211)

7.30-8.00 SERVE YOU RIGHT LIVE (495)

10.40 Film: TOTAL RECALL (72066259)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:

12.55pm CROSS WITS (4487650)

1.25 HOME AND AWAY (39043650)

1.55 JUSTICE OF THE LAND (24521037)

2.20 VANESSA (57546476)

2.50 CRAWSHAW PAINTS (6365785)

5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7754969)

5.30-7.00 ANGLIA NEWS (211)

7.30-8.00 OUT TO LUNCH WITH BRIAN TURNER (495)

10.40 THE VERDICT (802655)

11.10 WISEGUY (850389)

12.10am SHORT STORY CINEMA (7) (18254)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (94650) **9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER** (74211) **9.30 YSGOLION** (809582) **12.00 HOUSE TO HOUSE** (61747) **12.30pm BACKDATE** (99018) **1.00 SLOT MEITHRIN** (56227) **1.30 THE TENDER TALE OF CINDERELLA PENGUIN** (14622872) **1.40 Film: THE VICIOUS CIRCLE** (27757785) **3.15 RICKI LAKE** (6369698) **4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE** (124) **4.30 DESIRE** (308) **5.00 5 PUMP** (6292) **5.30 COUNTDOWN** (360) **6.00 NEWYDDION** (872582) **6.05 HENO** (991056) **6.35 JACPOT** (140495) **7.00 POBOL Y CWM** (251360) **7.25 BRODYR BACH** (426563) **8.00 STORI FAWR** (2476) **8.30 NEWYDDIDN** (4211) **9.00 TARO NAW** (3292) **10.00 BROOKSIDE** (723476) **10.35 DROP THE DEAD DONKEY** (252196) **11.05 DIDN'T YOU USED TO BE SATAN** (639308) **11.35 NORTHERN EXPOSURE** (521358) **12.35am-1.35 WITNESS: MANHUNTER** (1323490) **4.00 YSGOLION**

6.30am ADVENTURES IN ODYSSEY (r) (73679)

7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (94650)

9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER (s) (74211)

9.30 SCHOOLS: EUREKA 9.45 STOP, LOOK, LISTEN 10.00 FOURWAYS 10.25 HOW WE USED TO LIVE 10.45 CARAIDENA 11.00 THE NEW LIVING BODY 11.20 STAGE ONE 11.37 LOST ANIMALS 11.42 POVERTY ANSWERING BACK 11.45 FIRST EDITION 12.00 HOUSE TO HOUSE (61747) **12.30pm BACKDATE** (r) (99018) **1.00 SESAME STREET** (5498476) **1.55 PAPAGENO** (r) (33315921) **2.08 THE LIVING SEA** (Teletext) (70004327)

2.35 FILM: Shockproof (1949, b/w) A parole officer becomes involved with a murderess. Directed by Douglas Sirk (Teletext) (5904785)

4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (Teletext) (s) (124) **4.30 COUNTDOWN** (Teletext) (s) (308) **5.00 RICKI LAKE** (Teletext) (s) (5328124) **5.45 ANTON MOSIMANN — NATURALLY** (Teletext) (707143)

6.00 THE AVENGERS The Gaslight Ghoul of 1888 (r) (Teletext) (69227)

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (Teletext) (s) (273308)

7.55 THE SLOT (516969)

8.00 RIDE ON Includes dwarf car racing (Teletext) (s) (2476)

8.30 BROOKSIDE Jules confronts Georgia and Nat, Mick runs up against a few problems at the governors' meeting and Ron and Jackie try to remain just good friends (Teletext) (s) (4211)

Hungry mouths to feed (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE ANIMAL CANNIBALS: To Eat Their Own Why do some animals resort to eating their own kind? (1/2) (Teletext) (3292)

10.00 DROP THE DEAD DONKEY Sally decides that her face does not fit at Globelink (Teletext) (s) (723476)

10.35 WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY? (r) (Teletext) (s) (252196)

11.05 GET UP, STAND UP The best in black entertainment (Teletext) (s) (639308)

11.35 NORTHERN EXPOSURE: Lovers and Madmen Joel stumbles across a perfectly preserved woolly mammoth (Teletext) (s) (521358)

12.35am THE SHOOTING GALLERY 11 short films on the theme of redemption **MASCULINE MESCALINE** (8901506) **1.00 LA VIE EN ROSE** (1042902) **1.10 HELL, TEXAS AND HOME** (6153148) **1.40 THE RING OF TRUTH** (5451612) **2.15 GOING HOME** (6607780) **2.35 GODSPEAK** (6792308) **2.40 DRIP** (9565902) **3.00 NOT WITHOUT MY HANDBAG** (52667411) **3.15 MANANUI** (88659099) **3.30 DIABOLIC WIFE** (79641544) **3.35-3.50 UNSIGNED** (60766438) (s) (6177728)

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SKY 1

7.00am Love Connection (3811582) **7.20** Press Your Luck (3808018) **7.40** Jeopardy! (5852921) **8.10** Hotel (6945269) **9.00** Another World (5755350) **9.45** Open Writers (8297196) **10.40** Real TV (7697327) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (9524308) **12.00** Geraldo (61259) **1.00pm** One to Three (21230) **3.00** Jenny Jones (44018) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (56353) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5105) **6.00** New Adventures of Superman (50143) **7.00** The Simpsons (6834) **7.30** MASH (2360) **8.00** Stargate (5582) **8.30** Murder Unlashed (3329) **9.00** Law and Order (97699) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (90735) **11.00** New Adventures of Superman (34797) **12.00** Moonlight Caller (15726) **1.00am** LAPD (50490) **1.30** Real TV (44916) **2.00** Hit Mix (78059)

SKY 2

7.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (3486619) **8.00** Shock (7743227) **9.00** Renegade (7348871) **10.00** New York Undercover (8093562) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (2669747) **12.00 FILM: Dead of Winter** (8151984) **2.00am** He Ma Long Pao (4122411)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Taking Liberty (1994) (14256) **7.30 The Kid (1921)** (77143) **8.30 Return to Peyton Place (1961)** (60563) **10.30 The Secret Invasion (1964)** (56127237) **12.10pm Star Trek: Generations (1994)** (23476) (23526) **2.10 Amore! (1993)** (51618) **4.00 Rough Diamonds (1995)** (53762) **5.30 Gypsy (1993)** (70219) **6.00 Star Trek: Generations (1994)** (23526) **8.00 The Cowboy Way (1994)** (36645235) **9.45 La Reine Margot (1994)** (36645235) **11.50 Benefit of the Doubt (1993)** (51062) **3.40 Mr Jones (1993)**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Girl in the News (1940) (17638) **7.30 Journey to the Centre of the Earth (1959)** **9.30 Thrillz: The Seven Crystal Balls and Prisoners of the Sun (1987)** (58619) **10.00 Bandit: Bandit (1994)** (44582) **12.00 Hudson's Bay (1940)** (13211) **2.00pm Hart to Hart: Secrets of the Heart (1985)** (89679) **4.00 Journey to the Centre of the Earth (1608673) 4.50 Thumbelina** (2917143) **6.00 Death of a Cheerleader (1994)** (57237) **7.30 Special Feature: British Film Set Report** (5698) **8.00 My Girl II (1994)** (84360) **10.00 Clear and Present Danger (1994)** (11265495) **12.20am Scam (1993)** (683709) **2.05 A Dangerous Woman (1993)** (855506) **3.50 Shadow of the Past (1995)** (9179506)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm The Barkleys of Broadway (1949) (8578872) **6.00 Seven Days in May (1964)** (2825476) **8.00 My Stepmother is an Alien (1988)** (2820621) **10.00 Bachelor Party (1984)** (7300766) **11.50 The King of Marvin Gardens (1972)** (1000872) **1.35am The House That Roared (1969)** (52852631) **3.00 The Sky's the Limit (1943)** (1020490)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over at 10pm.

6.00am Mouse Tracks (6183495) **6.25** Quack Attack (8195230) **6.50** Bonkers (6657143) **7.15** Darkwing Duck (9531211) **7.40** Aladdin (3256308) **8.05** Goof Troop (2105768) **8.30** Timon and Pumbaa (2338389) **8.40** Bonkers (2069037) **9.05** Mouse Tracks (6392292) **9.30** Big Garage (7888476) **9.45** Lamb Chop (234501) **10.15** Muppet Babies (8487292) **10.40** Adventures in Wonderland (2334582) **11.10** Quack Attack (7559589) **11.40** Under the Umbrella Tree (9353211) **12.10pm** Fraggle Rock (6579143) **12.35** Lamb Chop (3840619) **1.05** Mouse Tracks (89788389) **1.30** Aladdin (61917660) **1.55** Darkwing Duck (61932969) **2.25** Best of Disney (8397230) **3.20** Mouse Tracks (2869921) **3.50** Bonkers (1363292) **4.15** Goof Troop (7598327) **4.35** Darkwing Duck (7169495) **5.00** Aladdin (1888476) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (9985921) **5.35** Bonkers (1699969) **6.00** Flash Forward (9834) **6.30** Blossom (2414) **7.00** Home Improvement (6872) **7.30 FILM: The Great Elephant Escape** (18747) **9.00** Eyewitness (36037) **9.30** Home Improvement (61308)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (61369) **7.30** The Winning Post Special: Racing (80495) **8.00** Tarian Extra (89292) **8.30** Racing News (88563) **9.00** Sports Centre (38853) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (16834) **10.00** Spanish Football League (36695) **12.00** Boxing: Countdown to Judgement Night (89679) **12.30pm** Monday Night Football (16891) **2.30** Tarian Extra (7211) **3.00** Spanish Football League (41872) **4.00** Sports Centre (7265398) **5.00** Wrestling: Blast Off (1476) **6.00** Sports Centre (8940) **6.30** Boxing: Countdown to Judgement Night (8292) **7.00** Women's Golf: Spanish Open (20940) **8.00** Asian Football Show (55580) **8.30** Sports Centre (488678) **9.00** The Footballers' Football Show (26124) **10.00** Sports Centre (90308) **10.30** Boxing: Countdown to Judgement Night (88379) **11.00** Sailing: Five Nations Challenge (91358) **11.30** Asian Football Show (32124) **12.30am** Sports Centre (88308) **1.00** Boxing: Countdown to Judgement Night (62326) **1.30** The Footballers' Football Show (70525) **2.30-6.00** Sports Centre (97902)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Sports Unlimited (25416872) **1.00pm** NBA Basketball (99086143) **3.00** NFL (55412389) **5.00** Watersports World (36542853) **6.00** Sports Unlimited (25414058) **7.00** Sports Centre (36543582) **7.30** NBA Basketball (82103124) **9.30** NFL (93179211) **11.30-12.00** Sports Centre

EUROSPORT

7.30am Football (40495) **9.00** Speedworld (65698) **11.00** Football (84211) **12.00** Boxing (24853) **1.00pm** Triathlon (33501) **2.00** All Sports: UNESCO Jubilee (10563) **4.00** Motors (41105) **5.30** Aerobatics (3495) **6.00** Tennis (20037) **7.00** All Sports (22508) **8.00** Live Boxing (35672) **10.00** Football (21679) **11.00** Bowls (65768) **11.30-12.30am** Darts (27292)

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6.00am Runway (8033650) **6.30** Sounds Like a Story (65863143) **6.45** Time for a Story (77143872) **7.00** Alphabet Zoo (2895563) **7.15** Sounds Like a Story (8946766) **7.30** The Ghosts of Motley Hall (6588312) **8.00** Classic Coronation Street (1887308) **8.30** Runway (1656679) **9.00** Families (1800259) **9.30** Crown Court Special (9908940) **10.00** World in Action (7752853) **10.30** Poor Little Rich Girls (1699143) **11.00** Medics (3588132) **12.00** Classic Coronation Street (1880495) **12.30pm** A Fine Romance (5819056) **1.00** Crown Court Special (5483768) **1.30** Families (5916327) **2.00** A Piece of Cake (7753582) **3.00** Poor Little Rich Girls (7851327) **3.30** Family Affairs (7332634) **4.00** Medics (1168389) **5.00** Victorian Scandals (7842879) **6.00** Classic Coronation Street (7338016) **6.30** Families (7352698) **7.00** The Grumbleweeds Radio Show (7843308) **7.30** A Fine Romance (7341582) **8.00** The Charmer (6380563) **9.00** Classic Coronation Street (5763872) **9.35** The Good Life Guide (1751563) **10.00-11.00** Medics (6303414)
From **11.00pm-2.00am Men and Motors**

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From **9.00-12.00 Food and Wine.** Includes recipes and ideas from Dale Smith
From **12.00-3.00pm Health and Beauty.** Includes Natural Health
From **3.00-6.00 Home and Garden.** Includes The Good Life Style Guide

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Biography: OJ Simpson (2755476) **5.00** Driving Passion (2513308) **6.00** The World at War (1031389) **7.00-8.00** Biography: Saddam Hussain (4227563)

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Films, features and classic series every day from 8pm-4am Monday to Wednesday and 1am-4am Thursday to Sunday on satellite, and from 8am-4am every day on cable.
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Wall triumphs in California with Donna Viola

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Ellsworth seeks safe passage in land of the Giants

Forwards await England captaincy decision

Leonard: enduring

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

FEW secrets are kept in sport but the name of Will Carling's successor as captain of the England rugby union team is one of them. This season, above all, when the Rugby Football Union and the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs have been like leaky buckets during their long and destructive disputes, the national team management cards have been kept notably close to their chests.

Today at Twickenham, however, the new man will be unveiled and will receive a grilling from the assembled media — all so unlike the start of Carling's record-breaking run in 1988, when he returned a telephone call from Geoff Cooke, then the team manager, and was told that, not only was he still part of the England team against Australia, he was also its captain. Carling was then 22 and, in his own mind, had yet to cement a place in the side.

Cooke, however, had no doubt that he would be at the heart of the England midfield for years to come and the same argument will apply to today's appointment: above all, the captain must be sure of his place and that may well preclude three of the runners in the leadership stakes — Phil de Glanville, Tim Rodber and Ben Clarke.

A harsh judgment would suggest that, of the present training squad, only four are stone-cold certainties to play against Italy on November 23 and, beyond that, against the New Zealand Barbarians, Argentina and into next year's five nations' championship: Jeremy Guscott, Jason Leonard, Martin Johnson and Lawrence Dallaglio.

De Glanville, articulate and intelligent, would be many people's choice, but for the presence in the centre of Guscott and Carling, still holding his form as well as ever. Moreover, de Glanville has been injured over the past five weeks and has been unable to press home his claims as a player; Rodber has done that in the Northampton back row but has yet to convince the management of his best place in the back-row unit while Clarke, now playing in the second division with Richmond, may find his move from Bath more costly than he thought.

Jack Rowell, the coach, has already ruled out experimentation against Italy. Accepting the original criteria, then, the captain will be one of the three forwards because Guscott's talent in the centre is best left unfettered by additional responsibilities. Johnson's propensity to concede penalties, at international as well as club level, may well count against him.

That leaves the two players, Leonard and Dallaglio, who have been among the favourites since Carling announced his intention to step down after the game against Ireland last March. The more attractive candidate is Dallaglio who, at 24, has shown immense maturity, stepping into the breach at Wasps when the long Newcastle purse removed Dean Ryan, Rob Andrew and Steve Bates. To play so well in his first full international season, in addition to coping with club duties, was a substantial achievement.

His position in the back row also allows him to appreciate the tactical shifts of a game. Against that, he, like Johnson, has a tendency to voice — if only through his body language — his views of refereeing decisions with which he disagrees and there have been times when Wasps have suffered from an inability to adapt their free-flowing approach to the pragmatism which international rugby will inevitably demand. The same may be said of Leonard and Harlequins.

However, of all the candidates for the job, Leonard has the most international experience: 49 caps since his debut against Argentina in 1990 and a tour of New Zealand with the British Isles in 1993.

The English are seldom unhappy to be led by a tight forward, though it is not the easiest position from which to judge the ebb and flow of a game. Whether Leonard is assertive enough remains a moot point and he would need to have confidence in his half backs who, whichever combination is chosen, remain inexperienced in international terms.

A bluff, unassuming demeanour masks a competitive spirit and considerable skill and, at 28, he will certainly endure until the 1999 World Cup, if required. However, Rowell's die has long been cast; this morning, he can let the world in on his secret.

Dallaglio: maturing

England coach continues crusade

Hoddle offers Gascoigne better future

By Rob Hughes, Football Correspondent

BENEATH lowering clouds at Bisham Abbey, Paul Gascoigne returned to the England training fold and then confessed his remorse for beating his wife, Sheryl. Beside him, Glenn Hoddle, having already granted Gascoigne a place in the squad, though still not prepared to confirm his place in the team in Georgia on Saturday, asked us to consider the imponderable: could it be that Gascoigne, having admitted his sin and confronted his future, will re-emerge an even better player?

The conundrum is haunting. No one can say that transforming a man's nature, if that were possible, could successfully extract the wildness and leave intact the performer of near genius.

There are many who cannot accept that playing a game can be described as genius. Yet the goal Gascoigne conjured up against Scotland during Euro 96 was as close to it as any we may see, and the challenge that he and the England coach have embarked upon, must contain the element of risk that, in subduing the errant temperament, they reduce Gascoigne the performer.

In Gascoigne yesterday, there was certainly a kind of courage in a man facing up to his turbulent recent past. "I've done things in the heat of the moment and later regretted them. I've tried to hide them by joking, now I am trying to think before hiding behind the jokes," he said. On the training pitch he did indeed look fit and lean and definitely not the joker. Yet, no one asked why it took two weeks of counselling, two different counsellors and Hoddle as a mentor, for Gascoigne publicly to state remorse over the wife-beating allegation, whereas he had instantly asked Rangers players to forgive him being sent off for kicking an Ajax player and being sent off in the European Cup.

There were those who applauded his 20 minutes of soul-baring yesterday. Perhaps they had not been present at his many previous moments of contrition, his pledges to let no one down.

There is an evangelical approach to the England management of Hoddle that we have never seen before. It is not only with Gascoigne. Tony Adams was released from camp yesterday afternoon to continue his counselling for alcoholism, just as Paul Merson, his team-mate at Arsenal, had been at the last England gathering.

To lighten the atmosphere, Hoddle threw a party on Sunday, celebrating the 33rd birthday of Ian Wright, another man recalled to the colours. "He's an infectious character, a lovely lad and in training looks as sharp as a razor," Hoddle said of Wright. Those are hardly the words often used about the Arsenal goalscorer, but Hoddle sees the good before the bad in people. "We surprised him with a cake," the England coach said, "but we didn't find enough candles!"

But this was a sideshow. Gascoigne, inevitably, was the focus of the first day's training of this most challenging week for English football.

Hoddle makes no pretence that the counselling, the forgiveness, is a quick fix for Gascoigne. "I'm looking one year down the line," he emphasised, "and it is then we might even see a Paul Gascoigne that nobody has ever seen. There might be adjustments, he might not hit it so often, and might have to provide those moments of magic less often in a game. But Paul's been given a gift, he had it from a very early age, and he's just started facing up to issues in life, to deal with them as he's never done before."

Hoddle, reiterating that he could never condone the violence Gascoigne now admits he inflicted on his wife, gave an alarming inference that similar problems might be endemic in football. "I dealt with it at Swindon, and at Chelsea," he said. "It's a situation that calls for man-management. Behind the scenes, I think there are major issues to be faced up to in the game." If indeed Gascoigne is not alone, who apart from Hoddle will tackle the malaise?

At administration levels, there is neither the trust nor vision to work together. The clubs, of course, are tribal bastions, cutting one another's throats. So, if there is unease at the biblical style that surrounds Hoddle's coming to the fore of the English game, who will support his crusade?

Over the next two days, Hoddle hopes to be allowed to concentrate on winning a football match, the World Cup qualifier in Tbilisi. Central to that might be Gascoigne, a player whose recent marriage was made in *Hello!* and who responded in the *News of the World* at the weekend to his wife's story in the *Daily Mirror*. The counsellors are now trying to get out of Gascoigne the pent-up rage, even hate, he says he had bottled up for years. How he channels it in the future adds the next chapter to a distressing soap opera.

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Gascoigne pauses for reflection with David Beckham during the England squad's training session at Bisham Abbey yesterday

Dalglish offered job

RANGERS have confirmed that they have offered Kenny Dalglish, the former Liverpool and Blackburn Rovers manager, a senior position. Rangers hope that Dalglish, who began his playing career in Glasgow with Celtic, would be able to identify and attract leading players to Ibrox.

He has not given a decision but Walter Smith, the manager, said: "We had a meeting with Kenny Dalglish before the Ajax match last week, where we put our offer to him.

"We have yet to arrange another meeting but that will be done shortly and hopefully we will be able to make an announcement after that."

Houston battles to keep Sinclair

By Russell Kempson

QUEENS Park Rangers are likely to block Trevor Sinclair's attempts to leave Loftus Road. The QPR board was due to meet last night to discuss the transfer request of their former England Under-21 winger, but it is believed that the club is not yet prepared to sell him.

Though Sinclair would command a fee of about £5 million, with Tottenham Hotspur, Leeds United and Blackburn Rovers involved in the bidding, Stewart Houston, the QPR manager, does not want to lose the club's prize asset. "I've said that from the day I arrived here," he said yesterday. "Nothing has happened for me to change my mind. You never want to see your top players leave."

Chris Wright, the QPR owner, is equally keen to keep Sinclair. "I want our best players to stay," Wright said. "I also think those who came down from the Premiership last season have a responsibility to help get us back up."

Sinclair, 23, asked for a move last month, having grown increasingly frustrated at the Nationwide League first division club. He featured regularly in England squads before Euro 96, but has been ignored since Glenn Hoddle took over as national coach.

"I'm just glad something will be sorted out soon and that my future will be made clear," Sinclair said. However, it is understood that QPR may offer Sinclair a lucrative deal to stay. Only when he has considered the improved contract would the QPR board decide on its course of action.

Spurs, who have already had a bid of £2.5 million turned down, are unlikely to re-enter the chase, should Sinclair become available. Gerry Francis, the manager, appears to have turned his attentions to Stefan Iversun, the Rosenborg striker. Francis is believed to have spoken with Iversun, 19, at the weekend, and again yesterday, about a proposed £1.75 million move. Iversun has scored ten goals in 16 appearances for the Norway Under-21 team.

Savo Milosevic's proposed transfer from Aston Villa to Perugia, for £4.5 million, is back on. It was due to have been finalised on Friday, but reports from Italy indicated that Perugia were unwilling to pay the fee. "It is still on as far as we are concerned," Doug Ellis, the Villa chairman, said yesterday. "We've shaken hands on the deal and that's it."

Lee Clark, the Newcastle United midfield player, is also likely to be moving, having asked for a transfer at the weekend. Clark, 24, has spent nine years at St James' Park, but has been mostly restricted to the substitutes' bench this season. "I now feel it's important to play regular first-team football," Clark said. "I feel I must move on to further my career."

Wales's slim hopes of success in their World Cup group seven qualifying match against Holland in Eindhoven on Saturday suffered further setbacks yesterday when Ryan Giggs, Barry Horne, the captain, and Nathan Blake withdrew from the squad because of injuries.

Bobby Gould, the Wales manager, has called up Lee Jones, of Liverpool, and Jason Bowen, of Birmingham City. Holland have omitted Jordi Cruyff, the Manchester United forward, but welcome back Dennis Bergkamp and Marc Overmars after injury.

Keith Houchen, the manager of Hartlepool United, of the Nationwide League third division, was dismissed yesterday. Mick Tait, the player-coach, takes over in a caretaker role.

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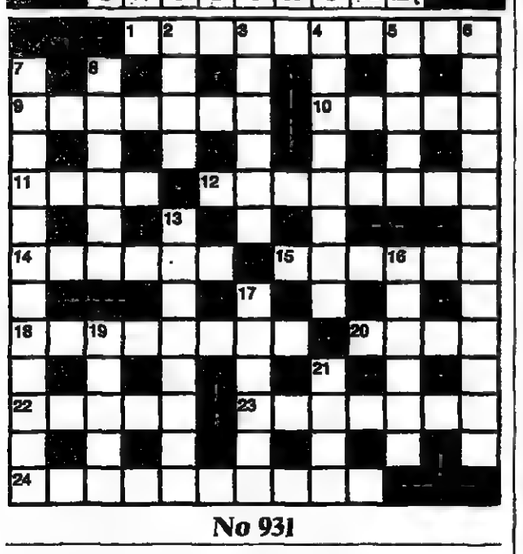

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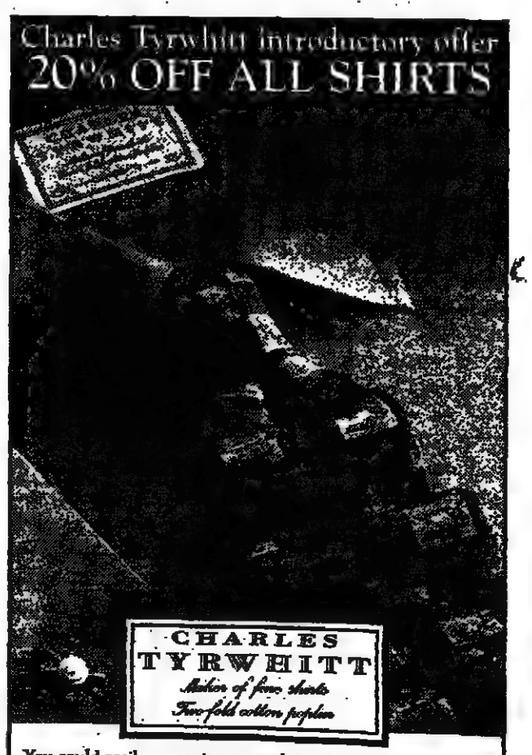

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FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BILL CLINTON looks set to become the first Democrat in 60 years to win re-election, not because he commands great affection or because voters believe him guiltless, but because the economy is strong and his opponent weak.

However, America would certainly be taking a risk in re-electing him, because Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater special prosecutor, is nearing the end of his investigations into the Clintons' financial dealings in Arkansas, alleged White House obstruction of those investigations and the scandals over the White House Travel Office and missing files. An indictment of Hillary Clinton, or even the President, is not impossible.

The Supreme Court will also decide whether Paula Jones's sexual harassment case against the President can proceed before Mr Clinton leaves office and Republicans are demanding a special prosecutor to investigate the legality of Asian contributions to the Democrats and whether there were quid pro quos.

During his final rallies Bob Dole gave a warning that Mr Clinton would "spend half his time next year with investigations". Trent Lott, the Republican Senate leader, predicted "big troubles ahead for this President". Mr Perot said Mr Clinton's re-election would mean "a second Watergate and a constitutional crisis".

At an estimated $800 million (£490 million), this has been the costliest presidential election, but it has also been one of the least memorable of modern times. Neither candidate was a fresh face. Neither offered a bold new vision, a "big idea" or real passion. There was no central issue, though plenty, including America's role in the world, were ignored.

Graphs of the year's polls show two basically straight horizontal lines, or three if Mr Perot is included. Not one of the hundreds of polls put Mr Dole ahead. "The truth is, nothing has changed for a long time," Scott Reed, the 73-year-old Republican's campaign manager, concedes in this week's *New Yorker* magazine. "We were never able to jolt the race. We thought we jolted it when he left the Senate. Then we thought we jolted it with our convention. But we didn't."

The networks returned record low viewing figures for the party conventions and presidential debates. They often relegated the election to second or third item on the news, even in the final days.

Today's turnout is expected to be considerably below the 55 per cent who voted in 1992 and, with a Clinton victory seemingly inevitable, the battle for Congress could well be decided by whether complacent Democrats or dispirited Republicans stay at home in greater numbers.

☐ Campaign row: An Iraqi-American family wanting sanctions against Iraq to be eased gave about $400,000 at a fundraising event attended by President Clinton, the *Detroit Free Press* reported yesterday as controversy over foreign political contributions deepened. *(Reuter)*

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President Clinton takes part in one of the last rallies of the campaign, at Springfield, Massachusetts, where he was supporting local candidates

Time for tears on a sentimental journey

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

AT DAWN today, hours before the polls open, President Clinton will arrive in his home town of Little Rock, Arkansas, after covering the last five states of his campaign in 19 hours.

His adrenalin battling with exhaustion and his voice cracking after six days of round-the-clock rallies, he has said that he is having fun.

"We are trying to squeeze every last ounce of energy out of him," Mike McCurry, the President's spokesman, said late on Sunday. "The paper he gets, the autographs: he signs every thing that is thrown at him. But he had time to catch the high-scoring football game the other night, between the Air Force and Colorado. He enjoyed that." In the early hours of Monday morning, he kept crowds waiting in Maine while he finished a card game aboard Air Force One.

Mr Clinton personally drafted the gruelling timetable for the last hours of the campaign from his cabin on Air Force One, he told the 200 staff, Secret Service officers and journalists who travel with him. Eyes welling with tears, he also said that he had decided to refer to Yitzhak Rabin, the assassinated Israeli leader, in every speech because he had remembered that November 4 was the anniversary of his death.

In the past few days, the Democratic campaign has sent out 15 million pieces of mail and made more than 11 million telephone calls in support of the President and other candidates. With opinion polls indicating that Mr Clinton's lead is narrowing in crucial states, he is battling on his own behalf as well as that of congressional candidates.

Mr Clinton's last sweep across the length and breadth of America began early on Sunday in West Palm Beach, Florida. In balmy heat, to a mellow backdrop of 1960s music and a stage decorated with pink plastic flamingos, the President worked a sun-tanned crowd in bikini tops and shorts.

He was given a Girl Scout calendar, a "victorious-looking stick-figure drawing" by a ten-year-old, and a volleyball, collected solemnly by following staff.

With foreheads still burnt from the Florida sun, aides were disgorged shivering four hours later into the winter chill and gritty streets of Union, New Jersey.

After a warm-up speech by Whoopi Goldberg, the actress, and a few recorded bars of *Born in the USA* by Bruce Springsteen, a native of New Jersey, Mr Clinton called for support for Bob Torricelli in his "protean battle" for a Senate seat.

By 10pm on Sunday, when the aircraft landed in the freezing fog of Springfield, western Massachusetts, in the state's dilapidated factory belt, the tight timetable was breaking down. The press plane, carrying 120 reporters and technicians, was stranded while an over-watchful Secret Service prevented it from being refuelled. Police, frisking the television crews, insisted on testing all electronics; a hundred yards of Tarmac became a tangled heap of cameras and laptop computers, screens glowing in the dark as the officers tried to find the "off" buttons.

For "sentimental" reasons, the President wanted to start the last day of "the last campaign I will ever run" in New Hampshire, where the first Democratic primary election to choose the presidential candidate is held.

A LATE NIGHT VIEWER'S GUIDE TO THE AMERICAN ELECTIONS*

INTERESTED

TUESDAY 11pm-midnight

PRESIDENT

Earliest exit polls from Indiana and Kentucky will indicate overall directions of race. Robert Dole needs to win Indiana by at least 12 points to have a reasonable chance nationwide. If he loses here, Clinton is heading for a massive victory. Similarly, Kentucky is a must-win state for the Republican challenger. Any sort of Clinton victory here means he will return to the White House. A large win suggests a landslide.

SENATE

Too early for key results.

HOUSE

Too early to judge.

SERIOUSLY INTERESTED

WEDNESDAY Midnight-2am

PRESIDENT

Returns from the East Coast states will be heavily pro-Clinton, much more so than the rest of the country. Only if Dole can win states like New Jersey is an upset likely.

SENATE

Democrats must hold their seats in Massachusetts and New Jersey. Republicans need to retain Maine and New Hampshire.

HOUSE

Republican prospects are weaker in the northeast than in most other parts of the US. Expect Republican losses early on. More than ten seats gained by the Democrats here would imply their capture of the House.

INSOMNIAC

WEDNESDAY 2am-4am

PRESIDENT

Results from the Midwest, the prairie/mountain west, and the South will confirm final result. Dole should do better in South and West while outcome in Midwest will decide the election.

SENATE

Democrats defend a set of valuable seats in the South, while Republicans defend a clutch in the West. Unless very close, the outcome on the Senate should be clear by 4am.

HOUSE

Republicans should win seats in the South while holding steady in the Midwest. If they are not gaining here, their majority is in danger.

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WEDNESDAY 4am-6am

PRESIDENT

Barring complete upset race will be decided. Victory/defeat speeches by Clinton and Dole once last polls have closed in California.

SENATE

If the race for control is very tight it will be decided in Oregon, where Republicans defend a seat in a generally liberal state.

HOUSE

Republicans expect to lose seats on the Pacific Coast. Provided they have made some gains in the South, they can afford to lose ten seats here. If not, goodbye Speaker Gingrich.

* BBC 1, Tuesday 11.45pm-Wednesday 5.30am. Radio 5 Live, Midnight-5.45am. Sky News, Midnight-6am

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Test for Chirac as ailing Mobutu swaps luxury Swiss hotel for Riviera villa

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

PRESIDENT MOBUTU of Zaire yesterday left the plush Swiss hotel where he has lived since August and flew by private plane to his luxury villa in the south of France as eastern Zaire plunged deeper into crisis.

The Zairean leader, who has been undergoing prostate cancer treatment at Lausanne's University Hospital, was believed to be heading for his sumptuous Villa Delmare at Roquebrune-Cap-Martin near Monaco.

President Mobutu, 66, left Geneva airport for the short flight to Nice aboard his private DC8, designed to accommodate his full entourage — including ten bodyguards, two doctors, two drivers, four other servants and a number of family members.

The Swiss authorities have come under domestic political pressure to engineer the removal of President Mobutu, and his monthly visa was unlikely to be renewed this month.

President Chirac, who is attending a Franco-Spanish summit in Marseilles, faced criticism over President Mobutu's visit to France last April and the arrival of the Zairean leader has presented Paris with a fresh headache at a time when France is seeking to shed its reputation as a haven for exiled dictators.

Foreign Ministry officials said they did not know President Mobutu had arrived in France and added that it was "highly unlikely" President Chirac would meet his Zairean counterpart, whose human rights record has come under attack in France.

At the weekend France urged "emergency humanitarian action" in Zaire, and called on Europe to prepare for intervention to save more than a million refugees.

President Mobutu was banned from visiting his property on the Côte d'Azur until 1994, when the ban was lifted after Zaire co-operated with the French military Operation Turquoise to stop the Rwandan massacres.

In another mark of his apparent return to favour in France, President Mobutu was permitted to address the International Diplomatic Academy in Paris in April.

The Swiss authorities have made it clear that they will not permit regular visits by President Mobutu to another of his large properties at Savigny, near Lausanne.

President Mobutu's bill at the lakeside Beau Rivage Hôtel in Lausanne, believed to have exceeded £750,000, was paid before his departure, according to a hotel spokesman — loose change for man reported to be worth several billion pounds, much of which has been gained from Zaire's diamond and copper mines.

The precise state of President Mobutu's health is unknown. Although aides initially said he was recovering well after a prostate operation on August 22, others have speculated that he may be gravely ill. *Le Monde* reported last week that the Zairean leader's cancer had spread and his aides advocated "complete rest".

A spokesman for the Princess Grace of Monaco Hospital, one of the nearest to President Mobutu's Villa Delmare, said last night that his name had not been registered there. AFP

Zaire rebels call ceasefire to let aid reach Hutus

Calls for military help to save refugees in Zaire are growing, **Sam Kiley** reports from the Rwanda border town of Gisenyi

EASTERN Zaire's rebels yesterday called a unilateral ceasefire to allow emergency relief to be delivered to 1.1 million Hutu refugees and countless Zaireans displaced by uprisings in North and South Kivu.

Laurent Kabila, leader of the Alliance of Democratic Forces for Liberation (Congo-Zaire), said by telephone from his new base in the recently captured city of Bukavu that his forces would cease fire for three weeks to allow the deliveries to the refugees.

"They will be regrouped so that their suffering can be helped by the international community," he said.

In Gisenyi, on Rwanda's border with Zaire, aid agencies awaited permission to cross into Goma, North Kivu's capital, where half a million Hutu refugees are marching into a future certain only of widespread death from hunger and disease.

Meanwhile, the clamour for military intervention to save the refugees grew, with United Nations officials suggesting that Rwanda's Tutsi-led Army might be the best placed to restore order to Zaire. Sadako Ogata, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said the Rwandan Patriotic Army, which has close relations with east Zaire's rebel groups, could seek a UN mandate to set up humanitarian corridors for the delivery of relief and repatriation of the Hutu refugees. She said she foresaw the establishment of a corridor from Goma into Rwanda. "I'd like to have heavy international presence in order to give a sense of confidence to the refugees, who are very frightened." Asked if the UNHCR was discussing Western military protection for refugee corridors with Belgium, France and other European Union states, she said: "We are informally contacting various governments."

The French agency Médécins Sans Frontières called for a multinational force to be sent to Zaire to establish safe areas for refugees and arrest thousands of Hutus implicated in the 1994 genocide of Tutsis and Hutu moderates in Rwanda.

The two plans struck many observers as bordering on the bizarre. The UNHCR's proposal could amount to forcibly repatriating Hutu refugees and an endorsement of Rwanda's support for Zaire's rebel movement. The French agency's is less workable, because it would require a force of many thousands of soldiers with orders to pull alleged murderers out of the camps where they live with their families.

Major Emmanuel Ndahiro, Rwanda's spokesman and a senior Ministry of Defence official, did not reject the UNHCR proposal, but insisted that it looked as if the international community was asking Rwanda to "do its dirty work". He said that if Rwanda were asked to police humanitarian corridors it would have to do so with a mandate from the UN Security Council.

But as Médécins Sans Frontières' vice-president, Jacques de Milliano, observed: "Thousands of people will be dying every day in eastern Zaire. We do not have time to waste on long-winded diplomatic initiatives if they are to be saved. After years of experience in the region, where cholera and dysentery are endemic, you don't need a scientific survey to know that the refugees are dying."

James Fennel, Care International's head of emergency programming, endorsed the UNHCR's proposals to ask Rwanda to restore order and allow humanitarian relief to be delivered in Zaire. "The only permanent solution would be if the refugees were encouraged to go back to Rwanda," he said.

☐ **Aid flights:** A Dutch Air Force plane chartered by Unicef landed at Entebbe, Uganda, with 30 tonnes of aid for eastern Zaire, the United Nations children's agency said. Four more aircraft are due to arrive with another 120 tonnes of aid this week. *(Reuter)*

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A soldier said to be from Rwanda and to have been captured in eastern Zaire is guarded in the Zairean capital, Kinshasa, yesterday

Pressure mounts on Mandela to intervene in crisis

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

THE international community is looking to South Africa to take the lead in finding a solution to the turmoil in Zaire. But so far President Mandela has not been keen to step into the crisis brewing in Central Africa.

At home, too, unease is mounting at Pretoria's failure to lead from the front. A leading article in a national newspaper at the weekend called on Mr Mandela "to provide the moral leadership our continent cries out for".

In recent years, the West has pushed for African solutions to African problems and President Mandela has figured prominently in this calculation. But Mr Mandela, ever mindful of foreign intervention, has indicated he will only respond to such an initiative from the United Nations or the Organisation of African Unity. The country was recently dismissive of an American attempt to get it to take the lead in setting up a regional crisis reaction force to deal with crises such as that developing in Zaire.

One reason for Pretoria's reticence is because of its embarrassing blunder over human rights abuses in Nigeria. In his first high-profile foreign policy test, Mr Mandela suffered a setback when he expressed moral indignation at the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa, the Nigerian writer and activist, and called for harsh measures against the Nigerian junta, only to back down under pressure from regional partners and members of his Government.

South Africa has since struggled to establish a foreign policy focus, and Mr Mandela's stance reflects the line adopted by other African nations. It also cannot be a honest broker since it has been supplying weapons to the Rwandan Government.

While Mr Mandela has not ruled out sending a peace-keeping force, trying to separate factions in a complex ethnic war is a grim prospect. Yet his Government is a symbol of hope in a continent of despair and many — in the West and the region — are looking for effective leadership from him.

Greg Mills, director of the Institute of International Affairs here, said: "If South Africa wants to be taken seriously as a world player, it will have to do its bit." He added: "It is in the national interest to do so because of the effect on Africa's image [...] and South Africa will slip in the prestige rankings unless we take a firmer line."

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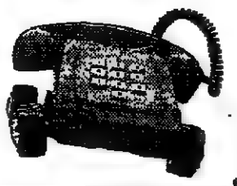

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US attacks Iraqi radar site again

Washington: For the second time in three days, an American F16 warplane yesterday fired a missile at an Iraqi anti-aircraft installation in the southern no-fly zone (Martin Fletcher writes).

The Pentagon said the pilot believed he was being targeted by the installation's surface-to-air missile system. The pilot in the first incident had attacked on similar grounds but the Pentagon later admitted he had been mistaken.

The Iraqi Foreign Ministry denies both incidents.

Ex-envoy accused of child sex

Sydney: John Holloway, 53, former Australian Ambassador to Cambodia, was accused at Canberra magistrates' court of paying a 14-year-old boy £1.25 for sex in the gardens of a Phnom Penh temple (Roger Maynard writes). The youth, who was flown to Australia, gave evidence that Mr Holloway's driver picked him up another time and drove to his house, where he had oral sex.

Sri Lanka leader is cremated

Kelaniya, Sri Lanka: Sri Lanka's first executive President, Junius Jayewardene, was cremated amid tight security at this temple town near the capital, Colombo, after elaborate Buddhist funeral rites. Monks chanted as the coffin containing the body of Jayewardene, 90, who died of cancer on Friday, was draped in a national flag. *(AFP)*

Defences down

Minsk: President Lukashenko of Belarus chose General Aleksandr Chumakov as temporary replacement for the Defence Minister, Lieutenant-General Leonid Maltsev, sacked after attending a ceremony too drunk to read a speech, Interfax reported. *(AP)*

Bokassa the cruel, emperor and killer, dies aged 75

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE former self-styled Emperor of the Central African Republic, Jean-Bédel Bokassa, whose 13-year dictatorship was marked by delusions of grandeur, extravagance and cruelty on an epic scale, has died aged 75.

He suffered a fatal heart attack on Sunday night at the main hospital in Bangui, capital of the impoverished nation he ruled until he was ousted in a French-backed coup in 1979. The former leader had been suffering from kidney and cerebral problems and hypertension, and had a brain haemorrhage last year.

Hours after Bokassa's death was confirmed by Jean Charles Bokassa, one of his 54 children, several thousand mourners assembled outside the hospital.

In 1966, six years after the country gained independence from France, Bokassa, a lieutenant-colonel risen from the ranks of the French colonial army, seized power. He established a regime that became more fantastic and capricious with every year as he declared himself, progressively, Life President, Father of the Nation and then Emperor Bokassa I of the Central African Empire.

Modelling himself on Napoleon Bonaparte and claiming descent from the pharaohs, Bokassa created a one-man cult of which he was the principal devotee.

Bokassa was once one of France's closest African allies, but politicians in Paris were noticeably silent yesterday on his death.

His "imperial coronation" in 1977 cost a quarter of the country's annual foreign exchange earnings and his diamond-studded crown and robes, fashioned by 25 Parisian seamstresses, were valued at £4 million.

France's interest in the lucrative uranium trade of its former colony ensured the support of Paris for much of Bokassa's rule. But the links between the nations brought scandal amid allegations that former President Giscard d'Estaing, a friend and sometime hunting partner of the African leader, had accepted a gift of diamonds from the dictator. The charges contributed to the French leader's election defeat in 1981.

Bokassa in diamond-studded crown stands at his coronation before his two-tonne gilded throne

As his despotism, avarice and butchery mounted, Bokassa's French backers came to see him as a serious liability. In 1979, more than 100 schoolchildren were massacred after they complained about the expense of their new and elaborate school uniforms, which were designed by Bokassa. Within months, French troops moved in to reinstate the country's first President, David Dacko, Bokassa's nephew.

A recipient of the Légion d'Honneur and Croix de Guerre, Bokassa spent seven years in quiet but unhappy exile in France and Ivory Coast until 1986, when he abruptly returned home, mistakenly expecting to be acclaimed by the populace. He was immediately put on trial for murder, embezzlement, infanticide and cannibalism.

During the three-month trial prosecutors presented horrific evidence of his atrocities, including grisesome and doubtlessly exaggerated allegations of cannibalism.

Witnesses said that the body of a murdered schoolteacher was kept on a meat hook in the freezer of Bokassa's imperial palace. His former chef claimed that Bokassa ate cooked human flesh "with relish" and enjoyed watching foreign dignitaries consuming his political opponents in the belief that they were being served roast beef. "I am not a cannibal," he told the court, in floods of tears.

The self-styled "13th Apostle of Christ" was finally acquitted of cannibalism, but condemned to death for murder. The sentence was first commuted to hard labour for life, then to 20 and finally to ten years in prison. He was freed after only six years, in September 1993.

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American killed by Moscow gangsters

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THE gangland murder of Moscow's most outspoken foreign businessman has sent a chill through the expatriate community, which had been largely spared the bloody consequences of doing business in Russia.

Paul Tatum, one of the first American entrepreneurs to work in the Russian capital, was shot 11 times in the back on Sunday only yards from his office in the Radisson-Slavyanskaya Hotel, of which he was a founding partner in the early Nineties. The police believe that the attacker, who used a Kalashnikov machine-gun, was a contract killer. They said he dropped the weapon at the scene and escaped in a white Lada.

Scores of prominent figures have been murdered, including bankers and leading figures in the media, but the killers are rarely caught.

"People are disturbed by this murder," Peter Charow, head of the American Chamber of Commerce in Moscow, said. "We urge the Russian authorities to take swift decisive measures to bring those responsible to justice. Otherwise, it will send a very negative signal to Western investors."

The American Embassy said it would be "inappropriate to speculate on a motive for the murder". However, before his death, Mr Tatum had said that he felt under threat from his estranged partners at the Radisson-Slavyanskaya Hotel, where President Clinton and other visiting dignitaries often stay.

Mr Tatum, 41, from Oklahoma, had planned to build a business empire, but he fell out with his Russian partners. Once he was locked out of his offices and had to force his way in with the help of hired bodyguards.

At the time, Mr Tatum appealed to Yuri Luzhkov, the Mayor of Moscow, to clean up the city government, which owns a controlling stake in the hotel. "If they do not act immediately, investors and foreign companies will shy away from Russia," he said. "Who would come to a Chicago mob-town of the 1930s to invest their money?"

Decks cleared for midweek bypass surgery on Yeltsin

BY THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE top American heart specialist, Dr Michael DeBakey, met Russian doctors yesterday at the sanatorium outside Moscow where President Yeltsin has been resting for the past few weeks, to decide when the Russian leader should undergo heart surgery.

Sergei Yastrzhembsky, the President's spokesman, declined to comment on the possible timing of the surgery, but said Mr Yeltsin would be moved to the Moscow Cardiological Centre at least a day before surgery. His condition was last night described as "completely satisfactory".

The most likely date for Mr Yeltsin's triple or quadruple bypass operation is thought to be tomorrow or Thursday, the anniversary of the October Revolution, which is a public holiday in Russia.

Most journalists and printers will not be working then, and this should make it easier for the Kremlin to put the most favourable possible gloss on the result of the operation.

Renat Akchurin, who trained in Texas with Dr DeBakey, will lead the operation, which officials have stressed will be carried out only by Russian doctors. Dr DeBakey, 88, has rejected suggestions that Mr Yeltsin is more ill than is being officially admitted. He told the BBC World Service last week that the preparation period for the operation had cleared up the President's other main health problems — anaemia, loss of blood and thyroid dysfunction. He said there was a 2 to 4 per cent chance of failure.

DeBakey: President's prospects 'excellent'

The surgery is expected to take about seven hours. Dr DeBakey said if all went well Mr Yeltsin's prospects were "excellent" and "he should be able to resume normal duties in six weeks or two months".

President Yeltsin's former close friend, confidant and bodyguard, Aleksandr Korzhakov, has stepped up the feud with his former chief by lodging a defamation suit against him. A court in the west Moscow district, where both men still live on the same floor of the same house, confirmed yesterday that General Korzhakov had filed the action. The former KGB officer, who was last week stripped of all military duties and the right to wear uniform, is accusing Mr Yeltsin of insulting his "honour and dignity".

He is demanding a public retraction of charges that he disclosed Kremlin secrets and slandered Mr Yeltsin's family. The two men have been spared the embarrassment of seeing each other recently because of Mr Yeltsin's stay in hospital.

General Korzhakov's accusations have been only one element in a swirling storm of political feuds that has blown up in the President's absence. Mr Yeltsin has not been seen on television since he cancelled all official meetings last week on doctors' orders, and has been out of the public eye since before the second round of the presidential election on July 3.

The day-to-day running of the country has fallen increasingly into the hands of the the Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, and the Kremlin chief of staff, Anatoli Chubais. For a limited time during and after the operation, Mr Chernomyrdin will become acting President.

DIMA KOROTAYEV

A policeman stands guard outside the Cardiology Research Centre yesterday

Stasi set up steroid clinic at Olympics

FROM REUTER IN BERLIN

A SECRET medical facility was set up by communist East Germany outside the Olympic Village at the 1976 Montreal Games where athletes were given performance-enhancing steroids, German officials said yesterday.

The state authority examining documents left behind after unification by the Ministry for State Security (Stasi) said it had evidence that East Germany had been particularly meticulous in Montreal.

After the Games, the Stasi "dumped ten suitcases of drugs and hypodermic syringes in the St Lawrence River", Peter Busse, director of the authority, told German radio. Herr Busse said that the paraphernalia was partly destroyed before disposal "so that nobody would know where they came from in case they were found".

East Germany won 90 medals at the Montreal Games, including 40 gold medals, second only to the Soviet Union. Years ago the authority had uncovered evidence that East German athletes had received steroids. But the new findings showed that East Germany was especially well organised in its efforts to win Olympic medals.

Herr Busse called for compensation for East German athletes who were coerced into taking steroids to improve their performance.

New Bulgarian leader to speed market reform

A jubilant Petar Stoyanov celebrates victory in Sofia

BY ROGER BOYES

BULGARIA'S top divorce lawyer, Petar Stoyanov, has beaten his Socialist rival to become the country's new Head of State in a move that is sure to put pressure on the left-wing Government.

The trend against East European post-Communist parties was also confirmed yesterday in Romania, where conservative market reformers led by Professor Emil Constantinescu emerged a clear 10 points ahead of President Ion Iliescu's Social Democrats in parliamentary elections. The presidential vote, between Mr Iliescu and Professor Constantinescu, will go into a second round on Sunday in search of a clear majority.

The Bulgarian presidency is less powerful than the Romanian but Mr Stoyanov, 44, seems set to speed the demise of the post-Communist Government of Zhan Videnov. The Government is floundering as it prepares for what may well be one of the most miserable winters since the war. Its vulnerability was underlined by the visit to Sofia of a team of economists from the International Monetary Fund, which has been threatening to delay a $115 million (£71 million) credit because of the Government's tardy privatisation. Without this hard currency, the Prime Minister told the IMF on Sunday, it will be difficult to hold the value of the lev, the national currency, to cover food imports during the winter and to service debts.

Mr Stoyanov's role will be to ensure that the Government accelerates market reforms. Sixty-four loss-making state enterprises are supposed to be liquidated and 50 others privatised.

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Milosevic sees way to federal job smoothed

BY DESSA TREVISAN

FIRST results in the Yugoslav elections signalled a clear victory for Slobodan Milosevic's left-wing coalition last night. The Socialists claimed they would have a majority in parliament, clearing the way for President Milosevic to assume the federal presidency in a year's time when his present term as President of Serbia expires.

According to the first indicators, voter turnout in the Sunday poll was more than 50 per cent. The opposition coalition Zajedno (Together) won about 23 per cent of the vote, less than half the support of Mr Milosevic's Socialists.

The Radical Party, which fell out with Mr Milosevic, said it was pleased with its third-place finish, with about 18 per cent of the vote.

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Love won't inspire the white cells

While **Harold Brodkey** was dying from Aids, he kept a journal that became a lyrical and moving testament of love to his wife, Ellen

"In the hospital, I could not rest without Ellen's protection or eat or drink or go to the john without her help. It is not so different from being in love, this dependence; it is exaggerated, yet not unfamiliar"

SPRING 1993

I DON'T want to be defensively middle-class about this, but it was a middle-class decision I made, nothing glorious, to try to go ahead and have Aids, live with it, for a while. I felt the doom was bearable. Also I was not, am not, young. I am not being cut down before I have had a chance to live. Most important, I was not and am not alone. I am embarrassed to be ill and to be ill in this way, but no one yet has shown disgust or revulsion. I expected it.

Barry [Brodkey's doctor], who is very able and very experienced, is surprised that I am not more depressed. He says cheerfully that I am much more upset than I realise. He credits some of the medicines with shielding me, my mood, and warns me that severe unhappiness is coming, but so far it hasn't come. I have resisted it, I suppose. And my wife is with me every moment. I feel cut off from old age, it's true, but that's not like someone young feeling cut off from most of his or her possible life.

I wanted to make a defiant gesture at Aids. The disease and its coercions were contemptible. I figured that later on I would make friends with it while it killed me, but not yet. This performance startled Ellen, who assumed that I would break down.

She left her husband for me. She walked out on everything. No one backed her but her children. That first night in the hospital she tried to make up her mind that it was all worth it, but such matters are hard to resolve when you're alone. She tells me that she felt terrified and lost. She insists that she regrets nothing. She cried when she learnt that she was clear of the virus; she said it depressed her to be so separated from me. And I felt that if I had Aids, she had the right, perhaps the duty, to leave me: my having that disease suspended all contracts and emotions — it was beyond sacrament and marriage. It represented a new state, in which we did not exist. What we were had been dissolved. Perhaps the *sacrament* remained, but it was between her and her beliefs now: care wasn't, in my view, owed to me any more. I wasn't me, for one thing. And she had suffered enough.

It is odd to think of actual fate as being in constant motion inside you. How badly suited I am for having a fate only Ellen knows. How damaged my body is by the virus only will become apparent at my death. The fundamental situation is all clarity and obscurity: a doomed boxing match with a sub-microscopic virus that can have no real sense of the identity of its opponent and yet which, in its micro-ignorance, must win. It eats you alive. There is a tube in your nose, medicines drip and dissolve through the needles in your arms, partly banishing the spectre of death; it peers at you from the dark corners of the room. One is something of a child again, afraid of the dark again.

In the hospital, I couldn't rest without Ellen's protection or eat or drink or go to the john without her help. It's not so different from being in love, this dependence; it is exaggerated, yet not unfamiliar.

LATE WINTER 1994

I remember one night after leaving the hospital last spring, and we were in the living room holding hands and watching television. Ellen asked, for the first time since we learnt I had Aids: "Do you love me?"

> 'She cried when she learnt she was clear of the virus'

I looked her in the face and said does that possibly matter now? And: "Ellen, I feel too disgusting, too subhuman to talk about *love*. And I've told you: I feel everything is occurring in a flat world, without dimension, without future, without colour. Obviously I care about what you do. Obviously I love and admire you. But I am an object of charity."

"Will you kiss me?" she said.

"Ellen, I'm filthy with Aids. I have viruses crawling in me, hideous — hideous wrigglers. I smell to high heaven. I don't want to kiss anyone . . ."

"I've been bathing you. You don't smell." Then she tried another line of connection between her world and mine: "Tell me you love me."

"Why? Do you think I'm dying? You think we'd better have a full farewell now?"

"No. Of course not. I just want to know. I want you to tell me."

"Because of the Aids? Because I'm so sick?" (The *because* being a way of hiding *in spite of*.)

"I just want to know."

"Of course I love you. So what? Love won't inspire the *white cells*." She was trying to cure me. "Shhh, I know that." she said. I could feel her knowledge in me like a small, clear, delicate motion of the air, a response to the shame and apology in me. She moved closer. "Don't be difficult."

It didn't matter if she pretended I was sexy. The hollowness and greyness were embarrassingly clear. I joked about it. "I'm a dead man," I said. I spoke in very slow motion, and with what sympathy I could, leaving without wanting to and for her being left behind: "I love you. I always loved you."

These stirrings of mischief and of a refusal to be apologetic meant I believed her, that I mattered, that I was not quite dead. The course and conduct of the illness, how I looked — all of it might have driven me mad with nervous fear and self-concern, but I judged my condition by watching her. And by teasing her. We hadn't had time to be this innocent with each other since I began publishing books. We hadn't had a time with so little ugliness in it.

We had our moments. They occurred throughout the day but came to a climax of sorts each evening as we lay side by side and held hands and watched television, with one of us saying: "This is really OK, right? I'm not imagining it?"

The other would say: "No, you're not imagining it. I feel OK, too."

"I feel really shitty, but actually — uh, you understand? — I haven't often been this happy," I said one evening.

"I know. It's so strange," Ellen said. "I'd give it up in a minute for your health." She leant over and kissed me. "This is really terrible," she said in her omnipotent angel voice. "This is really terrible," she said in her omnipotent mother voice. "Tell me that you love me," she said in her lonely, ordinary, wounded, woman's voice.

> 'I was happy, over the burning pits of illness'

SUMMER 1994

This morning, on what may be one of my last visits to our country house, when I drove into town to get the paper, I saw a man who was my height and built something like me, but he was about 35, and healthy. For a second it was as if I had been split down the middle by an axe.

Ellen looks well today, even radiant. It is the fresh air and the garden. From my study window, I can see her working; her light vigour and dexterity and strength are reassuring, but also a bit shocking. How alive she is. Nothing quite moves me like the sight of health.

We are quite happy today, really. I don't know what anything costs Ellen any more. When I look at her, she masks everything but sympathy — and waiting. Well, she shows affection and amusement. I can make her cry by saying: "Don't ask me about the attic fan: do it the way you want it." With the implication, of course, that I won't be here. The book is always closing.

OCTOBER 25, 1995

It is my birthday. For the first time in my adult life, it matters to me that the age I have reached is a specific number. I am 65, but it is not so much that I am 65 as the idea of birth and near old age and now death. I do not know at what speed I am moving towards my death. Strange alterations of the self occur: a hope of cure, a half-belief in treatments.

I have started to die again. I made a recovery, but then collapsed. It is unbelievably strange to live when things are over. I did apologise to Ellen once. I said I was sorry, really sorry, to be so much work, and she said: "Harold, you were always this much work. All that is different is that I give you meals in bed and I cry when you are in pain."

And I am still writing, as you see. I am practising making entries in my journal, recording my passage into non-existence. This identity, this mind, this particular cast of speech, is nearly over.

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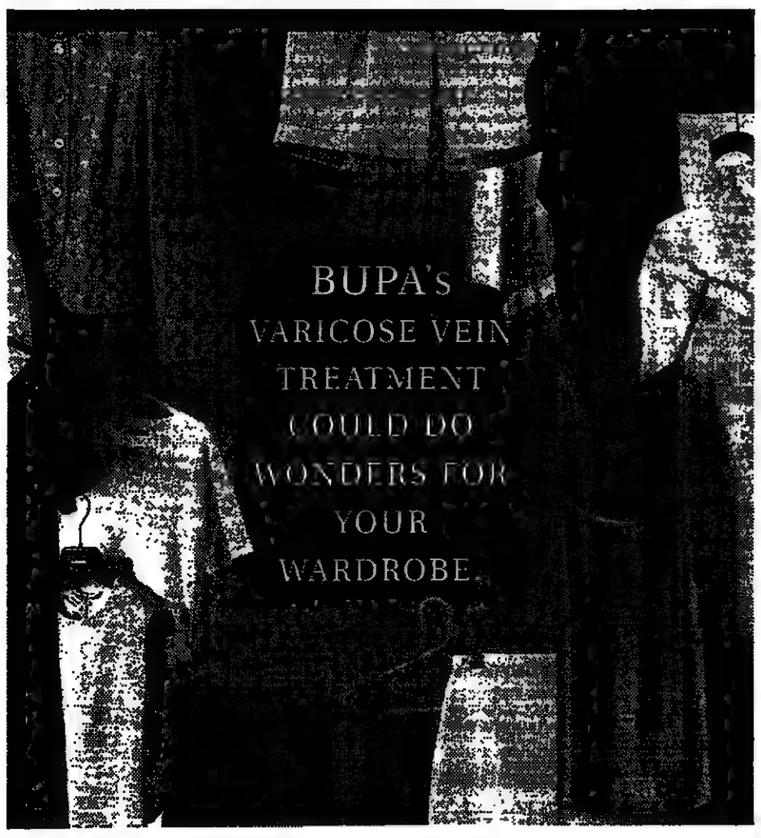

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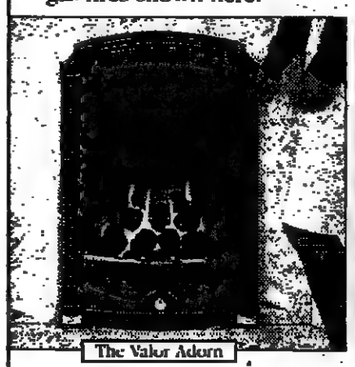
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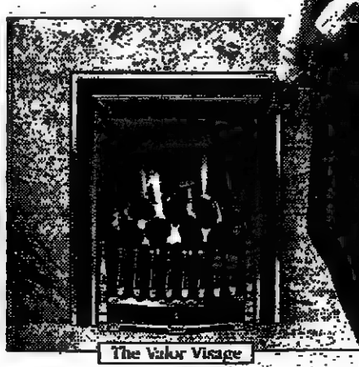
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The invention of gunpowder transformed warfare. It meant that death could be delivered from a distance and, perhaps, the most striking example was in the Gulf War with the programming of Cruise missiles hundreds of miles away from their targets in Baghdad.

I have chosen, however, two poems which predate the invention of gunpowder. They both come from Homer's *The Iliad* — the greatest of war poems. The first is in a modern and free translation by Christopher Logue, describing the death of Thestor, and I think that it captures brilliantly the physical violence and sheer pace of the heat of battle. The second is by George Chapman, who published his famous translation in 1611. I think it is the greatest translation — Keats got it right in *On First Looking into Chapman's Homer*. It is a disgrace that it is not possible to buy it today.

KENNETH BAKER

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CHRISTOPHER LOGUE

from War Music: An Account of Books 16 to 19 of Homer's Iliad

Fate's sister, Fortune, favours those
Who keep their nerve.
Thestor was not like this.
He lost his head, first; then his life.
His chariot bucked too slow over the rutted corpses,
And as Patroclus drew abreast of him,
The terrified boy let the horses baulk,
Leaving the reins to flow beside the car,
And cowered in its varnished basket,
Weeping.
They passed so close that hub skinned hub.
Ahead, Patroclus braked a shade, and then,
And gracefully as men in oilskins cast
Rake insects over trout, he speared the boy.

And with his hip his pivot, prised Thestor up and out
As easily as later men detach
A sardine from an opened tin.

HOMER

from The Iliad, Book XI

Then to th' extremest heat of fight he did his valour turn,
And led a multitude of Greeks, where foot did foot subdue,
Horse slaughter'd horse, Need feather'd flight, the batter'd centre flew
In clouds of dust about their ears, rais'd from the horses' hooves,
That beat a thunder out of earth as horrible as Jove's.
The king, persuading speedy chace, gave his persuasions way
With his own valour, slaught'ring still, as in a stormy day

In thick-set woods a ravenous fire wraps in his fierce repair
The shaken trees, and by the roots doth toss them into air:
Even so beneath Atrides' sword flew up Troy's flying heels,
Their horse draw empty chariots, and sought their thund'ring wheels
Some fresh directors through the field, where least the pursuit drives.
Thick fall the Trojans, much more sweet to vultures than their wives.

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'Nineties woman looks as if she can deal with anything from modelling to lambing'

Fat has no place in the fantasy world of fashion, where only thin, beautiful models can cast an ethereal spell, says **Mary Quant**

JOHN ADRIAN

"I, personally, like myself thin. So, I found it a huge relief to see that *Encore* magazine is simply a good advice service"

A terrible rumour hit the fashion field last week — Condé Nast is starting a new fashion magazine, using fat models. This is a bit like hearing that champagne will have no bubbles. Fashion models are not real, just as real people are not models. Fashion may be for everybody, but modelling fashion is not. Fashion begins as a fantasy and dream, which only becomes real by everyday use.

So I found it a huge relief to see that *Encore*, the new magazine, is simply a very good advice service and advertisement by Evans, the outsize store for outsize women or for those going through a fat patch.

I, personally, like myself thin. I hate it when I get fat. We know a great deal about diet and exercise these days, so why should we be fat? Just leave out the butter and bacon and be as greedy as you like with everything else, like olive oil, parma ham, vegetables, garlic, pasta, rice, fresh parmesan and fruit.

French women have always understood how and why to be slim. They even manage to avoid adolescent fat to stay healthy and slender. Mothers pass body awareness on to their daughters. You may see French women enjoying enormous family lunches — but later that day they will have avocado and oranges for supper.

There is no doubt that women are getting bigger, thanks to the Pill, better nutrition and health, exercise, sport and probably sheer confidence. But bigger need not mean fatter. The advice in *Encore* is very good if one is going through a fat patch — waiting until you get thin.

Women have always been good at rearranging their shape to fit the fashion ideal of the moment. As style changes, so we move, talk, and even sit in different ways to emulate it.

In the Forties fashion was controlled; one only has to think of Celia Johnson's *Brief Encounter* voice — dry, clipped — and hair. Shoes were neat and intellectual, thighs were long and the knees sat together. The Forties model was lean and abstemious.

By the Fifties, the dream model took on the hourglass shape of Brigitte Bardot, with a round bosom, bottom and pout. She was curvy but never fat — she did not sit down but leapt about.

The Sixties model became a thin child-woman, who stalked on boots and stood with legs astride, head down and with a faintly affected knock-kneed pose known as the "wet-knicker stance". Hair was Vidal Sassoon geometric, eyes sooty and enormous, and there was little emphasis on the mouth.

In the Seventies the ideal model had lemon-yellow, long, wispy hair, wore fluid crêpey flaring clothes and always sat cross-legged on the floor. She was vegetarian and thin and lived on carrots and slimming pills.

Then in the late Seventies the fashion world had a change of focus. It was about this time that I first saw the photographer Jimmy Wormser use women athletes to model clothes. I thought they looked wonderfully attractive and sexy; I realised he had something there. I had also begun to notice that women athletes were becoming sexier, and then I realised that our viewpoint had changed. The fashion world's ideal had become sporty, chic and sexy — well-trained, oiled female muscles had become the rage.

Stella Tennant epitomises today's beauty

As a follow-on, the Eighties model woman had to have big shoulders and a working woman's briefcase. She was a company executive who sat with her legs crossed and went to the gym.

Now we are in the Nineties, we have found a balance at last. Models have sporting, athletic silhouettes and wear *delicious feminine fabrics* which are long, lean and minimalist. A Nineties woman sits with her legs well apart and leans back.

The Nineties ideal of beauty is epitomised by the model Stella Tennant. She is all class and good bones, and waves at street fashion with a ring in her nose and her navel. Her erogenous zone is a delicious gap of perfection between her waist and hipster pants, and her hair is plastered to the head except for a chunk at the back, which looks as if it has been struck by lightning. She has a wonderfully arrogant look, as if to say she can deal with anything from modelling to lambing.

Every ten years or so, those of us who work in the fashion world go through a phase of rejecting thin models. Why use them, we argue, when all they do is remind everyone else that they are fat? So we photograph clothes flat on the floor, or drape them over tailor's dummies, or dangle them from coat hangers.

But in no time at all we find ourselves wanting thin, beautiful models back, because they cast an ethereal spell on even the simplest clothes. After all, what are models for? They bring romance and magic to simple, elegant clothes and transfer their confidence to us, so we are encouraged just to *try* the clothes or buy them. If a dress is beautifully cut and made, it will work on almost any body shape, and will make the wearer feel and look terrific. A black polo-neck sweater will be all the better because you saw it photographed on Linda Evangelista.

Models are to the rest of us what racehorses are to the equine world. Their bones stick out in the right places in a *satin sheath dress*. They achieve the impossible arch of the back and curve of the rump, which makes a tweed suit look ravishing, and the gloss and sheen of their flesh and curve of their nipples make even a cotton T-shirt look like gossamer.

Having worked with so many top photographic models over the years, I know they are just as beautiful with rollers in their hair and no trappings at all. I am permanently grateful for their generosity and wit, as well as their beauty.

Models in fashion magazines teach us how to use fashion for ourselves. When we then buy those same clothes we make them unique, part of ourselves.

I get enormous fun from fashion magazines. I love spotting the subtle differences in French, British and Japanese *Marie Claires*. But this is different from the terrific pleasure I have as a designer, when I see my own clothes, make-up and swimsuits worn by an individual woman, who wears them in her own way with style and ease, whatever her size.

I do not think the ideal beauty of the future will ever be fat. Instead, I believe that she will have big breasts and become taller than men. She will have a perfect decorative finish, and she will be surreal.

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Blueprint for a region at peace

Malcolm Rifkind outlines his initiative for the Middle East

I am visiting the Middle East at a time of great tension, but also of opportunity. In my meetings with the Israeli Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, and the Palestinian President, Yassir Arafat, I have put forward six points which would help to restore momentum to the peace process.

First we need a deal about Hebron. That is why I visited the city on Sunday: to symbolise British and international support for a final agreement on Israeli redeployment as an essential first step in reviving the peace process. That must lead to fulfilment of the other obligations in the interim agreement between Israel and the Palestinians. We are seeking a commitment from Israel to redeploy troops elsewhere on the West Bank and to reopen the border between Israel and Gaza to facilitate economic activity.

In parallel we need to see the reopening of the "final status" talks. These cannot avoid the hard issues, such as Palestinian self-determination and the status of Jerusalem. Nor should either side seek to pre-empt the negotiations by excluding anything that is crucial to the other side, such as the Palestinian desire for statehood. Peace and security are not alternatives, but two sides of the same coin. Diminish one, and the whole currency is degraded.

In all this, the Palestinians will need to continue to show moderation, respect for democratic principles and dedication to the path of negotiation. There can be no place for extremists or violence. The aim must be a comprehensive peace, with the Syrian and Lebanese negotiations restored.

I have met the EU's new envoy to the Middle East, and I urge the parties to co-operate with him. The EU wants to complement America's work, not to compete with it. The international community also has a role in promoting stability in the Gulf. That means opposing acts of aggression by Saddam Hussein of Iraq. I recognise that the Iraqi people are suffering as a result of sanctions and I deeply regret this, but relaxing the sanctions without Iraq's full compliance with the relevant UN resolutions would not help. Saddam Hussein would devote his resources not to feeding his people, but to rebuilding his military machine. That is why, last year, we devised Resolution 986, the so-called "oil for food" scheme. Iraq is still obstructing its implementation. I can only look forward to the day when Iraq is no longer ruled by a regime that ignores international obligations and brutalises its people. Such an Iraq would need international support, but the country's isolation could then end.

We must also keep watch on Iran. Although it professes a wish to play a constructive role, its actions tell a different story. Iran's development of weapons of mass destruction, its opposition to Middle East peace, and its support for terrorist groups all make it hard to contemplate normal relations. Yet we have not sought to isolate Iran. With our European partners we are engaged in a critical dialogue, trying to bring about an improvement in Iran's policies. We have seen some small changes, but the results so far are deeply disappointing.

The region's varied problems challenge the international community. To deal with them, we need to encourage co-operation between all the countries of the region, the Arab states, Turkey and Israel, with the help of friends outside, such as Britain, France, the United States and others. We need a structure comprehensive in its membership and wide-ranging in its functions.

In Europe we have learnt how regional co-operation can heal the distrust between former enemies through bodies such as the European Union, Nato, the Western European Union and the Council of Europe, each with its separate purpose and membership. But we have also learnt the value of having a comprehensive body in which every nation can come together on a basis of equality to work on problems which affect them. The Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, initially an ice-breaker, has evolved into the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, a vehicle for co-operation over a very wide area indeed.

> We need an overarching structure to encourage co-operation

There would be clear benefits in establishing what might be called an Organisation for Co-operation in the Middle East. This would provide a forum for dialogue and active collaboration, for lowering barriers and improving links. Such an organisation would evolve, rather than spring fully-fledged into existence. It could play a role in resolving conflicts and in building confidence, in fighting the causes of terrorism and building the sort of economic and political networks that prevent conflict and reduce the risks of terrorism. I would expect that in due course countries such as Iraq and Iran to find their places in such an organisation, once their behaviour permitted it.

An Organisation for Co-operation in the Middle East would not be a substitute for the essential work of the peace process. There must be no diversion from that. The relationship between Israel and the Palestinians, like those between Israel and Syria and Lebanon, will have to be worked out bilaterally. But one natural function for such an organisation would be to support and build on the peace process.

I have launched the idea of an Organisation for Co-operation in the Middle East, and we are discussing it with our friends in the region and elsewhere. It would help to ensure peace, progress and stability in the Middle East, objectives that are crucial to British interests as well as to those of its inhabitants.

The author is the Foreign Secretary.

Gunpowder and Currie

Fireworks can and do kill, but that is no reason to ban them from our back gardens. On the contrary

Libby Purves

Tonight the smoke will drift from suburban and village gardens; at least, from the gardens of those stout-hearted traditionalists who refuse to give up a real date for the bland convenience of the nearest weekend. There will be fretful bonfires, lit by chaps who never normally handle wood from one year's end to the next. There will be fewer Guys than there used to be, owing to the anxious squeamishness of our times and a sneaking sense that given the state of Parliament, the man with the fizzing fuse more or less said it for all of us.

There will be potatoes in jackets, rockets on sticks, gold volcanoes and Catherine wheels which promptly fall off the fence and writhe furiously among the moribund stalks of summer. Dogs and cats will peer balefully out from windows; young children will run around in woolly hats, older ones recite the Firework Code censoriously to parents whom they consider irresponsible, if not actually drunk.

As families and friends join forces, each cook bearing the ritual salad in a tinfoil dish, there will be oohs and aahs, some of them satirical, at the ineptly fizzing display; the leading father, reading-glasses balanced on his nose and torch between his teeth, will painstakingly read out the hallowed words "Light blue touchpaper and retire". Whereon someone from his office will shout "About time too!" with a proper sense of ritual, as befits the oldest joke of autumn.

All very peaceful and traditional. An Englishman's home would not be his castle unless, every Fifth of November, he could enact this curious half-hearted rite of Pooterish mayhem in his own back garden. Which is why Edwina Currie, MP, was way off beam when she said on the morning after the death of the head teacher David Hattersley that "private firework parties really ought no longer to be possible". She advocated public displays, "properly run by people who are qualified and licensed to do them. I know," she added kindly, "that is a very authoritarian way of doing things, but I am horrified that a man like David Hattersley should have lost his life."

So are we all, Mrs Currie; our horror was compounded later that very day when Steve Timcke was killed in front of his children by another large firework, and a third man was knocked unconscious by an exploding rocket. There is a particular and unique horror in accidents which result from attempts to have fun (I myself used to have nightmares in the days when my brother regularly parachuted in a gorilla-suit at fairs, waving a banana; if anything had gone wrong, the gorilla-suit would definitely have made it worse). And so much of this particular kind of horror has already marred the nostalgic foolishness of Guy Fawkes week 1996 that Mrs Currie will undoubtedly find supporters.

Indeed, there is a real risk of her finding so many that one of these years the boxes of fireworks will not appear in the shops at all and we shall be restricted to official displays. Assuming, of course, that there are enough "qualified and licensed" people to run them, all in the same week, all over the country. This may not be as simple a matter as Mrs Currie airily suggests: the trouble with big communal displays in the park is that you have to have big fireworks or nobody can see properly, and it is impossible for local individuals — as some in the trade itself, such as Mr Deeker of Pains, have pointed out — to find a training scheme suitable for the needs of a person who sets off five or six big fireworks once a year. Nor can trading standards officers check up properly on whom such big "public" fireworks are sold to, because there is no easily produced proof that the buyer knows his fuse from his elbow.

Unless it is so large that the organisers can afford several thousand pounds for professional pyrotechnicians, the communal event — the middle-sized neighbourhood display of the kind that half-baked safety campaigns have tended to approve of — is these days probably far more dangerous than a smaller private one in the back garden. Poor Mr Hattersley was killed while actually conducting a community, school-based firework display, which is presumably why he was using an appropriately large and powerful firework — so that everyone would have a good view; which is why those enormous and dodgy Chinese imports are on easy general sale.

The paradox is that Mrs Currie could have made a better case by saying that apart from a few showpieces in large cities, *only* garden firework displays should be allowed, *since their fun lies in more modest* and less dangerous pyrotechnics of the kind which only hurt you when you fail to follow the simple Firework Code. Then we could sweep the public shelves clear of the big mortars and bombs and have done with it.

There would still be genuinely professional showpieces for those who want to travel to them; otherwise the back gardens would fizz and smoke and pop with cosy domestic fireworks fit for audiences of two dozen at most. But there would be no deceptively "safe" middle way: not the remotest risk of a responsible, careful but untrained pillar of the community ever handling an 8lb explosive in a mortar tube.

Sweeping the suspect big-bangers off the shelves is an obvious priority anyway. There has been a major failure of care for public safety in this odd, once-a-year industry. Whether it was predominantly because of EU trade rules, as some claim, or just out of a general gay sense of deregulation, the changes made in 1993 and 1994 to import licences and rules have led, in the opinion of every despairing expert, to the arrival in Britain of immense numbers of big quasi-professional fireworks from the Far East. Some have instructions only in Chinese; some not only breach British safety regulations but are so dangerous the Chinese themselves don't put them on general sale.

Moreover, as campaigners for firework safety — and the trade — have pointed out over the past few days, the regulations that do exist are so slack that there is not even a system in place under which the authorities that see consignments into the country at, say, Felixstowe, have to inform the health and safety authorities in the region — say, Yorkshire — where the firm they are destined for is based. So these things flow unimpeded, in the name of free trade and consumer choice, into a country which is so innocent, so impractical, so accustomed to being nannied by safety laws, that even intelligent buyers have not the faintest idea of what they are getting into.

Both of the fireworks which killed at the weekend were of a type that *should be detonated electronically*, from a distance, by people who have expertise in handling explosives. That they were in the hands of law-abiding laymen with a packet of safety matches is patently ridiculous. Yet the very reason for our innocence and vulnerability in this respect is that we used to have some of the toughest and most effective firework safety rules in the world; if the side-effect of an EU law turns out to be the mass import of lethal Chinese explosives, it is surely a stupid law and one which our Government should have resisted strenuously.

So regulate imports and sales of freakish, untried, oversized fireworks rather than clamping down, *à la* Currie, on innocent, convivial private behaviour. If we were not forever being urged by the well-meaning to abandon our back-garden revels because we are not fit to handle Golden Rain, and to traipse down the road to a community event which is of necessity bigger and showier, there would not be the absurd arms-race which has led to the popularity of dodgy Oriental whizz-bangs.

It is fitting to mourn the victims of bad luck and of an overenthusiastic free market; fitting also to goad the Department of Trade to get a move on with its laggard review of imports. *Nonetheless, have a good festival of* fire tonight. Enjoy, with a clear conscience and a long taper, the heady once-a-year status of hero daddy who makes the sky light up. Even if the children are too old and blasé to appreciate Golden Rain, the adults aren't.

Wealthy enough to gamble

Anatole Kaletsky says Major won't have Clinton's luck

The slogan that supposedly explained Bill Clinton's first presidential election victory passed into political mythology as soon as the votes were counted in November 1992: "It's the economy, stupid." Four years ago, Americans were feeling poor, insecure and fed up with their underperforming economy. So they booted out George Bush. Now America is enjoying a dream combination of full employment, low inflation and sound public finance. Against this background, Mr Clinton would be sure of victory even if his opponent were not Bob Dole but Abe Lincoln.

That, at least, is the conventional wisdom. And it offers some comfort to the Tories in Britain. Britain may not be doing quite as well as America, but it is enjoying a healthy combination of rising incomes, low inflation, falling unemployment and decent growth. If a healthy economy guarantees Mr Clinton a victory today, why not John Major next year?

Labour politicians have a pat answer: the premise is false. The British economy is not healthy at all. Voters know that even if incomes are rising, the Tories are giving away the seedcorn of investment on which future prosperity should be built. Without a long disquisition on Britain's economic prospects, let me record my view: Labour's analysis is bunkum; Britain's economy *is* healthier than it has been for many years (which does not make it immune from sabotage by blunders such as Kenneth Clarke's decision to raise interest rates).

How then do we explain the paradox? Both Bill Clinton and John Major were elected in 1992. Since then Mr Clinton has ridden America's economic revival to victory, but Mr Major has sunk to record depths of unpopularity, even while the economy has palpably improved.

The likely explanations are not encouraging for British Tories. Voters are too sensible to assume that governments are responsible for everything happening in the economy. They judge politicians on the issues and principles that seem to move them — not just on raw economic numbers.

Mr Clinton worked hard from the start of his presidency to be identified *with the economic issue that Americans* considered most important — jobs. Although he did not directly control the Federal Reserve Board's monetary policy, he appointed articulate pro-growth Keynesian economists to important positions in the Fed, the Treasury and the White House. By doing this he was able to take credit for prosperity and growth.

Mr Major latched onto a very different economic issue, inflation, which now leaves British voters cold. As a result, very few voters connect rising prosperity with the Tories, especially since the turning of the economic tide immediately followed the apparent abandonment of Mr Major's anti-inflationary policies, when Britain left the exchange-rate mechanism.

But why was Mr Major unable to reinvent himself as an advocate of growth and jobs in the four years after White Wednesday? Part of the explanation undoubtedly lies in the dominance of monetarist dogma in Mr Major's thinking. But there may also be a deeper reason. Right-wing politicians are in their natural element during periods of hardship and financial crisis, while left-wing politicians find it easier to operate in prosperous times. When the economy is healthy, people are more inclined to share their prosperity with the less well-off and to take some risks by electing flamboyant politicians committed to social change. It is during crises that cautious bean-counters like Mr Major come into their own.

Every Labour government since Ramsay MacDonald's first administration in 1924 has been elected during a period of economic growth and declining unemployment. The same has been broadly true in America, where Democrats have usually been swept into office on a tide of optimism, while Republicans have often benefited from fear and gloom.

We now know that the American economy had already passed its turning point by the time Bill Clinton arrived at the White House in 1993. Indeed, revised economic figures have shown that America's economic performance in the the last year of the Bush Administration was not at all bad — growth in the last quarter before the election was revised up from 2.7 to 3.9 per cent — and Republicans have cursed their luck for losing an election they ought to have won "on the economics".

But perhaps the opposite was true. Perhaps the American voters sensed the economic improvement and perhaps that was why they decided to risk a change from a dour Republican to a colourful Democrat. In their bones, Americans may already have started to feel more confident, better off and more willing to take political risks. Perhaps the same thing happened in Britain in the period after White Wednesday, when Britain's love affair with Labour began. If so, faster economic growth could actually help Labour *more than the* Government. Perhaps the Tories should try a new slogan: "It's not the economy, stupid."

Top brass

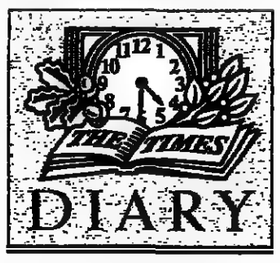
SHOULD you notice a military snap in the step of Malcolm Rifkind, dapper Foreign Secretary, silk and Territorial Army enthusiast, it may be down to the success of his diplomatic mission to the Middle East. More probably, however, it will be due to an honour *conferred rarely on civilians by the* military.

Rifkind has been appointed an honorary colonel of an army regiment, an accolade not accorded any Cabinet minister in recent memory. He takes over from Brigadier Brian Charles Ridley as Honorary Colonel 162 Movement Control Regiment, The Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers), based in Grantham.

In an internal memo, the ministry hastens to point out Rifkind's strong involvement in the Territorial Army during his period as Defence Secretary: "He increased their role in operational tasks; he maintained the size of the TA despite pressure to axe it; he produced the White Paper on the TA."

He also has his own uniform, with shiny brass buttons and spit-and-polish boots; and he has never shirked ceremonial dinner duties. But whether the Foreign Secretary has mucked in, rolling around in the mud of Salisbury Plain with management consultants playing bang-bang at the weekends, remains uncertain. My guess is that he would find it all too grubby.

● *Slices of smoked salmon lay untouched yesterday morning at the breakfast launch of* Encore, *a magazine in support of the fuller female form. But chocolate éclairs, Danish pastries and butter-laden croissants disappeared before you could say "Double-D cup" as guests, including Vanessa Feltz and TV's fat lady Jennifer Paterson, weighed in lustily.*



Wires crossed

AS Remembrance Sunday approaches, yachties on the BT Global Challenge boat in Rio de Janeiro, *Pause to Remember* (decorated with poppies and supported by the Royal British Legion), have been doing their best to maintain a profile for the charity.

On arriving in Rio a far from distinguished twelfth, they hit the town and its convivial bars. Emotional from the voyage and tired from a night's drinking, they then decided to take their boat out again — against the rules of the competition. Within a couple of flaps of the sail, they had inflicted some minor damage to their yacht and returned dejectedly to port. There they met the race director Chay Blyth, who gave them a lashing worse than any transatlantic squall.

Canned

ONE of Oxford's last all-male institutions has tumbled. The Canning Club, the oldest University essay society, is to admit women. A fogeyish conservative body, the Canning has met for 150 years to discuss an essay presented by one of its members fuelling up regularly with claret. Former members include Lord Curzon, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, William Waldegrave and a whole range of embryonic Tory grandees.

"Anybody who was anyone was a member of the Canning or its rival the Chatham in my day," said Hailsham. "I suppose admitting women is a perfectly natural progression."

Unsurprisingly, the moving force behind this revolution is none other than the American graduate student, Clifford Potter. Keen Diary readers will remember that earlier this year, Potter, the heir to a Midwestern dry goods fortune, tried to update Oxford's Bullingdon club, making it more like an American fraternity. The plan collapsed. As one of Potter's contemporaries puts it, "in the wake of Potter lies nothing but shards."

Ample time

HABIT-SWAPPING is the vogue at the moment at Ampleforth Abbey in Yorkshire, where the present Abbot, Patrick Barry, has announced he will be stepping down from his post in March. Now 78, Barry has been at Ampleforth man and boy. Since arriving at the school aged 11, he has only ever left for three years in Oxford.

He is currently halfway through his second term as Abbot, overseeing the monks in the community. The favourite to succeed him is the present Headmaster of Ampleforth College, Father Dominic Warner.

Major and Lancaster: soulmates

Who he?

OBSCURE American cultural references have been popping up in the Prime Minister's remarks — most recently his comparison of Tony Blair to the fictional character Elmer Gantry, as reported in this newspaper yesterday. Gantry was an evangelist preacher prone to fiery sermonising, but later exposed as a fraud and hustler.

The Prime Minister's reference to Elmer Gantry can be explained by his obsession with Burt Lancaster. On screen, Gantry was played by Lancaster, one of his screen idols. As an unemployed boy in Brixton, Major would idle away the afternoons in the cinema, repeatedly watching *The Flame and the Arrow*, in which Lancaster played an athletic rebel leader in medieval Italy.

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OXFORD'S BUSINESS

The core task is to preserve excellence, not grass

The dons' parliament, or Congregation, of Oxford University votes today on a proposal to build the headquarters of its Business School on a playing field close to the heart of the university. Although Oxford has the opportunity of housing one of the world's leading business schools in the next century, the development is only possible because of a £20m donation from the Syrian-born businessman Wafic Said. A vocal coalition of dons and students argue that Mr Said's money is contaminated by his involvement in arms deals, that business studies are superficial and unscholarly and that the university will break an undertaking to keep the site free of buildings. None of these arguments survives examination.

Universities should not take money generated by evidently immoral or unethical activities. But no such charge has been levelled, let alone proved, against Mr Said. Oxford should not refuse his donation on the grounds that a minority of its staff and students dislike the arms industry. Mr Said's implacable critics might recall that the university's past benefactors have not always been saints. In his day, the controversial Cardinal Wolsey cannot have seemed the donor made in heaven; yet his college remains one of Oxford's best-endowed. Does anybody now worry how Cecil Rhodes made the £3.3 million which he gave the university in 1903, financing the Rhodes scholarships?

The outbreak of academic snobbery directed at business education is the most foolish and disgraceful aspect of the university's debate. The worst management education may be superficial statements of the blindingly obvious expressed in psychobabble. For the hard-working holder of an under-funded professorship in econometrics, it must indeed be infuriating to see management gurus making huge sums of money writing books with titles such as *Bursting Into Flame: Drive Your Company As If It Were a Huge Dirigible*. But if the entry barriers to the profession of management teaching are ridiculously low, the Oxford Business School's job is to raise them by example. The best business school should be a meeting point for economics, law, politics and ethics; Oxford's graduates will disperse to every area of public and private life.

To dismiss management education as "vocational education" is an ahistorical misunderstanding. When William of Wykeham founded New College in the 14th century, he created an institution to teach the key vocational management skill of the day: Latin. The director-designate of Oxford's 20th-century business school, John Kay, is not a man known for tolerating technical gimmicks from the intellectual fringe.

The university authorities have been struggling to teach management studies since the 1960s; Congregation voted to establish a fully integrated Business School in 1990. The university rightly believes that the Business School can only make its full contribution from the university's heart, and that has meant a hard decision to sacrifice a playing field. No such price is ideal if a better alternative exists: but in this case none does. No categorical promise that the space would remain a green field seems to have been made. Oxford's purpose is to teach, not to preserve grass.

Mr Said's gift is an opportunity for Oxford to recover the mistake it made in refusing to house one of Britain's first two business schools in the 1960s. A decision against the Business School would probably mean the collapse of current plans and would drive future donors to other universities, and probably to other countries. The ancient fathers of Oxford would have voted to accept this donation — and so will those who care for the university's future.

THE ORDER OF THE BOOT

Bulgarians and Romanians tire of ex-Communist decay

As they stockpile cabbage heads and firewood against another winter of food shortages, power cuts, shrivelled family budgets and chaotic state finances, most voters in Bulgaria and Romania expect things to get worse before they can conceivably get better. In that depressing sense, the weekend's election results in both countries have changed nothing.

But in another, they are momentous. Unlike their Central European neighbours, Bulgaria and Romania never quite broke with Communism. The Stalinist dictators Todor Zhivkov and Nicolae Ceausescu were overthrown seven lean years ago. But except for a short period in Bulgaria, they have been succeeded by governments that were communist in all but name.

This new-old breed of politicians rebuilt the webs of patronage while playing on the fears of those lower down the ladder — the party hack's fear of retribution, or the worker's that his job will disappear along with the decaying and uneconomic state factories. It has taken until now for people to vote massively for change, deciding that whatever pain and uncertainty life under a genuinely free-market system might entail, nothing could be worse than socialist inefficiency and corruption coupled to half-hearted economic reforms.

In Bulgaria's presidential elections Petar Stoyanov, a straight-talking young lawyer whose head barely showed above the political parapet a year ago, has trounced Ivan Marazov, the scholarly ex-Communist put forward by the governing Socialist Party in a vain effort to convince voters that it was capable of reform. Constitutionally, he has no more powers than had Zhelyu Zhelev, the resolutely democratic outgoing President who has fought a courageous rearguard action against the totalitarian tendencies of Zhan Videnoc's Government. But politically, it is a new game.

Mr Stoyanov cannot compel a general election, and none is due for two years. But so angry is the national mood, and so desperate the state of the economy, that the Government has been forced to admit that it has forfeited its political mandate. To survive this winter without massive unrest, it will have to borrow the President's democratic free-market clothes. When Mr Stoyanov prods the Government, it will have to jump — and even that may not save it for long.

President Ion Iliescu of Romania, Communism's great survivor who confidently expected his writ to run well into the next century, has had an even greater shock. A year ago the Opposition's 15-party Democratic Convention led by Emil Constantinescu looked hopelessly divided. Today, it is celebrating victory in both houses of parliament over the neo-Communists who have governed without a break since 1989. It did so by challenging Mr Iliescu's paternalistic "stability and continuity" platform with the kind of radical free-market "contract with Romania" that few observers thought the country's voters would be bold enough to buy. Mr Constantinescu enters the run-off campaign for the presidency with the wind in his sails and, although Mr Iliescu's chances cannot be written off, his days of uncontested power are over.

Bulgaria and Romania have been stranded in history's chilliest anteroom, that reserved for ex-Soviet satellites whose rulers refuse to learn from the West. Their people have not escaped it yet; but they have kicked open the emergency exit.

VILE BADINAGE

Who would call his opponent Elmer Gantry, even in jest?

Tony Blair's claim upon the mantle of moral superiority clearly irritates John Major like nothing else. During the party conference season it seemed briefly that Mr Blair might have overreached himself at last in millennial rhetoric. But no: since then he has co-opted the tragedy at Dunblane, embraced the manifesto of Frances Lawrence and successfully paraded his personal ethics and Christian beliefs. For a Prime Minister of famous decency and integrity, leading a party that has long liked to defend morality from godless socialists, it must be the ultimate aggravation.

Yet to compare Mr Blair to one of literature's best-known religious conmen, as political correspondents reported Mr Major as doing at the weekend, is surely a gibe too far. Maybe the Prime Minister's remark likening Mr Blair to Elmer Gantry was in jest. Maybe, like all off-the-record remarks made in the House of Commons tea-room, it was never made. Maybe Mr Major was not recalling Gantry's bogus rhetoric, religious hypocrisy, fraud and philandering — all so devastatingly described in Sinclair Lewis's 1927 novel — but rather his senatorial bearing, musical voice and prowess on the football field, all qualities which a friend might well attribute to the Opposition leader. Sadly, however, we must assume that Mr Major was being unfriendly.

Elmer Gantry is one of the most monstrous of fictional phonies: even in his youth "he could make Good Morning seem profound as Kant, welcoming as a brass band and uplifting as a cathedral organ". By the end of the book, which helped Lewis to the first Nobel Literature Prize for an American in 1930, the fake preacher is still not unfrocked, is still pleading successfully for support from his congregation and is still eyeing up the ankles of the new girl in the choir. His last words are: "Dear Lord, thy work is but begun! We shall yet make these United States a moral nation!"

Where might Britain's new moral drama lead us next? Who, for instance, will play the role of Rev Chadband, Charles Dickens's precursor to Elmer Gantry, who gave poor Jo so bad a time in *Bleak House*? Chadband is younger and more attractive, but has all the same oleaginous qualities of the preaching politician. Gummer, perhaps?

While Gantry utterly dominates the book that bears his name, he has a half-rival in the ghastly female evangelist, Sharon Falconer, who is loosely based on the real American preaching phenomenon, Aimee Semple McPherson. Evelyn Waugh chose the same thrice-married Mrs McPherson for the immortal character of Mrs Melrose Ape in *Vile Bodies*. Is Gillian Shephard ready for that role? Would Jack Straw dress in drag?

Some readers may, of course, remember the politician who was sharing the voyage across the ocean with Mrs Ape and her bad-tempered "angels". He was a powerful man "in an uneasy trance", a man of notable diffidence and liability to panic. His name was the Rt Hon Walter Outrage, MP, and he was "last week's Prime Minister".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Prospect of international military intervention in Zaire

From Mr John Snodgrass

Sir, The horrific "ethnic" killings in the former Yugoslavia were only stemmed when UN action became armed, and later when Nato forces were freed from a purely reactive role.

Those responsible for genocide in Rwanda (leading article, November 2) could have been halted two years ago, at comparatively little cost, by a small, disciplined armed force, as could be the "armies" now fighting in eastern Zaire.

Everyone familiar with the area knows this, and knows that the appalling human tragedies will go on at least until the Hutu terrorist leaders in the camps are brought to heel. For it is they, far more than the Tutsi-led Government in Rwanda, who are preventing the refugees from returning.

The unfortunate aid workers cannot control these leaders, and, for a variety of reasons, the Zairean Army is not doing so either. An international conference, as proposed by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council (letter, October 30), would be able to achieve little of permanent value unless it were prepared to grasp the nettle of military intervention.

Of course, such intervention, even with African participation, would risk being denounced as interference in internal affairs, if not neo-colonialism, and no Western country would happily accept the odium of pressing it. Without it, refugees will continue to be hounded; massacres will flare up with sickening frequency; aid workers will keep their wards alive only until the next crisis; and the camps will nurture discontent, at enormous cost, for decades.

As so often in foreign policy, we have a choice of evils. But in this case, there can be little doubt which is the greater.

Yours faithfully,
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November 2.

From Professor Christopher Clapham

Sir, There is no case for international military intervention in Zaire, least of all by a state as discredited as France has become (report, November 4), through its propping up of the corrupt Mobutu dictatorship and its close association with the perpetrators of genocide in Rwanda.

Still more basically, however, order can only be restored in the Great Lakes region through the emergence of effective domestic regimes which are capable of governing responsibly, and thereby gaining the support of their people.

The emergence of the Museveni Government in Uganda from the wreckage left by Amin and his successors provides an excellent example of this process. The road to such an outcome may, as in Uganda, be long and often tragic. But it can only be lengthened by the incursion of foreign troops whose very presence — regardless of their motives, which may be admirable — only obstructs the development of accountable local regimes.

Even humanitarian aid may well be seized on, as has happened in eastern Zaire, by those who were principally responsible for the disaster in the first place, to strengthen their own control over local populations and perpetuate the suffering that they have caused.

There is a sense in the West that we have both the responsibility and the power to rectify the evident wrongs of the world which is understandable but misconceived, and in our attempts to do right we can easily find ourselves compounding the very problems that we are trying to solve. This is just such a case.

Yours sincerely,
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Healey on Brown

From Mr Alan Lee Williams

Sir, Lord Healey weighs in with the gratuitous comment that Mr Gordon Brown lacks governmental experience (report, November 1).

I seem to recall that Denis Healey had no governmental experience when he became, arguably, the best Secretary of State for Defence since the Second World War. His brilliant and unbroken period at the Ministry of Defence lasted some six years, thus giving him the governmental experience he originally lacked. Mr Brown can hope for no less, perhaps.

Also, Mr Healey went straight from Oxford to the Army and then to Transport House as an official of the Labour Party before entering Parliament. This can hardly be regarded as governmental experience; nor was it, indeed, so very different from an entire political generation who subsequently enjoyed the experience of Cabinet Office.

Lord Healey forgets the past and has acquired a very selective memory.

Yours sincerely,
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(Parliamentary Private Secretary to Denis Healey, 1968-70),
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From Mr Ernest Wood

Sir, Is the Lord Healey who has recently spoken disparagingly about the lack of ministerial experience of Shadow Chancellor Gordon Brown any relation to Denis Healey, the Labour Chancellor who naively allowed himself in 1976 to be conned by politically motivated Treasury officials into going cap-in-hand to the IMF for a loan, only to discover in the following year, when the 1976 public accounts had been completed, that his journey had been totally unnecessary and that this country hadn't at any time been anywhere near the state of bankruptcy that prompted his humiliating experience?

Yours sincerely,
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October 31.

Getty complaint

From Mr Claus von Bülow

Sir, Mr Walsh, the Director of the Getty Museum in Malibu, is reported (Arts, October 29) to complain about the British Government's "bent" rules for the export of works of art. He does not mention, but no doubt knows, that the governments of continental Europe, such as the Greeks, the Italians and the French, simply prohibit the export of works of art of the quality of Canova's *Graces* or the Guercino by fiat.

As Mr Walsh's files must show, works of lesser importance can from time to time be exported from continental Europe by an offer to buy and donate another work of art, which is desired by the relevant ministry. This is not illegal or corrupt, but somehow the British Government may not find that kind of bazaar bargaining very dignified.

Mr Walsh should be content to profit, as the late Mr Getty did, from the degree of flexibility in the UK before the European Court imposes a rigid prohibition on the export of all works of art of the quality desired by the Getty to date. Some people find that works of art may be safer in "some country house in Norfolk" (which Mr Walsh uses as an example of the Gobi desert) rather than in a Los Angeles suburb, surrounded by forest fires and located on top of the San Andreas fault.

Yours sincerely,
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The lessons of corporal punishment

From Lord Digby

Sir, When describing the effects of democracy in Athens, Plato wrote that with the introduction of Democratic freedom, so this freedom was extended to the home, where the father, not wishing to seem disagreeable, failed to discipline his son. As a result the son asserts his independence by not showing respect for his parents. The teacher in turn fears and panders to his pupils, who consequently despise their teachers.

Why has it taken 2,400 years for this analysis to be proved so strikingly correct? I suggest that it is because our increasingly liberal civilisation has made us realise the futility of capital and corporal punishment, but has not provided any substitute. By being too civilised we are in fact undermining the very roots of our civilisation. Civilised behaviour is not a characteristic with which we are born, but it has to be instilled into us.

In previous ages the maxim of "Spare the rod and spoil the child" was generally accepted, but undoubtedly this discipline was overdone. Now it is up to us to find a civilised alternative. This is fairly easy at an early age, but it gets progressively more difficult.

From birth, discipline can be instilled by feeding at regular hours, and, as William Rees-Mogg quoted John Locke (article, October 28) "little children should not be allowed to get their own way by crying, querulousness, bullying or repeated demands". A loving slap can work with slightly older children, but when they become teenagers it is too late, as any deterrent can become increasingly violent.

The prime responsibility for instilling civilised behaviour undoubtedly lies with parents, but those who condemn the slap or cane must suggest an effective alternative.

Yours faithfully,
DIGBY,
Minterne, Dorchester, Dorset.
October 29.

From Mr R. J. Mehta

Sir, In my case, being at the receiving end of a caning experience at the hands of my teacher, a Jesuit priest in a school in Rangoon 56 years ago, was very beneficial indeed — it made me decide instantly that children should never be made the victims of adult violence in whatever form it may be inflicted.

I shall forever remain grateful to that teacher for this decision. As a result of it I have two lovely and affectionate grown-up daughters.

Sincerely yours,
RAJNIKANT J. MEHTA,
18 Leigh Court, Byron Hill Road,
Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex.

From Mr Michael O'Connor

Sir, Even the possibility that a "once-in-a-lifetime" caning at school may have set a boy on a course that led him to become Prime Minister (report, October 31) is the greatest advertisement for the efficacy of corporal punishment recently printed.

That the same Prime Minister intends to deny such efficacious discipline to other children suggests that, like his brother, he could have done with a second one.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL O'CONNOR,
23 Holmfield Road, Leicester.
November 2.

Howard and the police

From the Chairman of the Joint Executive Committee, Metropolitan Police Federation

Sir, The confrontation at our recent annual open meeting ("Police jeer minister as he defends Howard's law and order record", report, October 31) was occasioned not by the Home Secretary's policies but by the fact that, as the police authority for the Metropolitan Police, he has attended none of our annual open meetings. He has created his own small piece of history by being the only Home Secretary in modern times not to do so.

We have never had any explanation for his non-attendance and David Maclean, Home Office Minister of State, knew exactly why he was jeered: it was because he attacked the audience from the outset and accused us of failing to support Howard's policies. Mr Maclean was aware of our concerns and our feeling of being snubbed yet again. If you orchestrate hostility by an audience you should not be surprised if you are jeered.

Yours sincerely,
MIKE BENNETT, Chairman,
Joint Executive Committee,
Metropolitan Police Federation,
Croydon Police Station,
71 Park Lane, Croydon, Surrey.
November 1.

New prisons

From Mrs Ann Gray

Sir, "Mr Howard said that career criminals calculated the risks they ran carefully and would be deterred by the threat of longer sentences" (report, later editions, October 26).

Why is he planning to build more prisons? Should he not be expecting to close some under his new sentencing policy?

Yours sincerely,
ANN GRAY,
18 St Nicholas Gate, Hedon, Hull.

Fine defaulters

From Miss Juliet Hartridge

Sir, Charles Scott (letter, October 30) suggests that the Government allows single mothers in receipt of income support who fail to pay their television licences and who consequently face prosecution, to have free television licences.

It is not necessary to implement costly amendments to the income support regulations. This "humiliating and unnecessary fiasco" in the magistrates courts could be avoided if impecunious single mothers dispensed with their televisions.

Yours faithfully,
J. C. HARTRIDGE,
37 Leathwaite Road, SW11.
October 30.

Kwai bridge tourism

From Mr Jonathan Bullock

Sir, The bridge over the River Kwai (or Kwae to be precise) may well have become a tourist attraction (report, October 31) but let us not exaggerate this.

I visited the bridge during the summer and found it a focal point to understanding what a previous generation had to endure.

The railway journey over the bridge and through the "Death Valley" was a poignant reminder of the sheer scale of what the Allied prisoners were forced to achieve. Most organised tours also take in the war cemetery and reconstructed PoW huts at Kanchanaburi.

Indeed, those poor locals making a very small amount of money from visitors are themselves the descendants of people who died in their thousands helping construct the railway. They are not intrusive and there is plenty of time and space for quiet prayer, reflection and keeping the memory of our brave soldiers alive.

The plan for a proper memorial at the bridge should be given serious consideration by the Burma Star Association.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN BULLOCK,
57 Westminster Mansions,
Little Smith Street, SW1.
November 2.

Rain, rain . . . what did they say?

From Mr B. H. Parker

Sir, Mr John Ainley (letter, November 2) makes a valid and telling point when he complains of the difficulty of remembering the important elements of a radio weather forecast.

Some three or four years ago I met with the same problem professionally when I was a lecturer in meteorology at the Britannia Royal Naval College. I had to advise officers on the relative merits of different sources of meteorological information and I was concerned that the then newer styles of weather forecasting, so effective on television and in newspapers, would not transfer well to the telephone and radio because too much information was being presented.

To test this I recorded the then *Times* Weathercall weather report and forecast for Devon and Cornwall and played it back to a class of graduate officers who had completed their meteorological course and understood the terminology used. They were asked to listen to the message and then recall the essential details. The level of recall was about 5 per cent.

So, Mr Ainley, you are neither alone nor at fault.

Yours sincerely,
BRIAN PARKER,
Rook House, Victoria Road,
Dartmouth, Devon.
November 2.

From Mr H. R. F. Keating

Sir, Mr Ainley complains of the difficulty in following the radio weather forecasts. I complain of those on television. Too much geography lesson; too little will-Harry-Keating-get-a-rainfree-walk-tomorrow?

I watch every evening, but by the time my head sinks on to the pillow I find as often as not I have forgotten what I'm going to get. Without all those isobars and windflows there would be time to hammer home what we can actually expect, and even to indicate occasionally a degree of uncertainty.

Yours,
H. R. F. KEATING,
35 Northumberland Place, W2.

From Mr H. C. Harding

Sir, Having experienced some crew members' inability to take in the weather forecast it is now obligatory, when sailing on our family boat, to write down the details. This usually clears the mind when a Force 7 is likely.

Yours truly,
H. C. HARDING,
23 Fairfield Gardens
Glastonbury, Somerset.
November 3.

Streets of Tbilisi

From Mr Simon Stone

Sir, Despite your reporter's comments (later editions, November 2), any English football players or supporters walking Tbilisi's streets at night will enjoy a city in parts as beautiful and charming as any in the world. Certainly Georgians face difficult economic times and are hard put to find the money to maintain the football stadium or care for stray dogs to the standards we aspire to, but anyone who lets this deter them from meeting Georgians will miss the unreserved and friendly generosity of the most hospitable people I have had the good fortune to meet.

If on venturing forth the streets are found to be dimly lit, a torch will suffice to reveal any unevenness in the pavement, but also an absence of people sleeping in doorways.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON STONE,
6 The Terrace,
Milton-under-Wychwood,
Oxfordshire.

Merry Epiphany?

From the Venerable B. H. Lucas

Sir, In your photograph of the Christmas stamps (October 28) I see that the three Wise Men appear on the 2nd-class stamp. Are we to assume that this is because mail bearing this stamp will not arrive until after Christmas — say January 6?

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN LUCAS,
The Savage Club,
1 Whitehall Place, SW1.

State of bliss

From Mr John D. Chadwick

Sir, You highlight proposals from Labour and the Liberal Democrats for a Freedom of Information Act (report, October 30). This is quite unnecessary. There is already far too much information, often misunderstood, sometimes with harmful consequences.

What is required is a Freedom from Information Act. The Government should give a lead. The Minister of the Civil Service should award a Charter Mark to the department that produces the least volume of information, all of which is clear, concise, and above all, absolutely essential.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN D. CHADWICK,
Les Vauxbelets,
23 Barnfield Avenue,
Wem, Shropshire.
November 1.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 3: The Duke of York today visited Northern Ireland and was received by Mr Malcolm Moss MP (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Northern Ireland).

His Royal Highness this morning opened the Royal Ulster Constabulary Air Support Unit building at Royal Air Force Aldergrove and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Antrim (the Lord O'Neill).

The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, this afternoon attended the Annual Remembrance Service of The Royal Irish Regiment in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the County Borough of Belfast (Colonel Elliott Wilson).

November 4: The Duke of Edinburgh, President, World Wide Fund for Nature — WWF International, and Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this *morning left Royal Air Force* Northolt for Toronto, Canada.

Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Richards is in attendance.

November 4: The Princess Royal this afternoon opened a new Faculty of Arts building at Basingstoke College of Technology, Worting Road, Basingstoke, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire (Mrs Mary Fagan).

Her Royal Highness afterwards opened a new Young Men's Christian Association Residential Centre at Eastrop Way, Basingstoke.

The Princess Royal, President, Royal Naval Museum, later visited the museum and the *Mary Rose* and, this evening, attended a Reception and Dinner on board *HMS Victory*, HM Naval Base, Portsmouth.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 4: The Prince of Wales this morning departed from Royal Air Force Lyneham to visit the Ukraine and the Republics of Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgystan and Uzbekistan.

The following were present and took leave of His Royal Highness: The Minister Counsellor from the Ukraine Embassy (Professor Mikhailo Bilousov), the Chargé d'Affaires from the Kazakhstan Embassy (Mr Almaz Khamzaev) and the Chargé d'Affaires from the Uzbekistan Embassy (Mr Saidov Timur Sharifovich).

This afternoon His Royal Highness was received in the Ukraine by the Foreign Minister (Mr Hennadiy Udovenko).

After the official arrival ceremony in Kiev, The Prince of Wales took part in a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Glory Square, visited Novobelichi Resident Hospital, and, as President of The Prince of Wales Business Leaders Forum, attended a meeting with young Ukrainian businessmen at the Kyiv Mohyla Academy.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception at the British Embassy for the British business community in Ukraine.

The Prince of Wales later attended a Dinner at the Mariyinsky Palace given by President Kuchma.

Mr Stephen Lamport, Lieutenant-Commander John Lavery RN and Mr Mark Bolland are in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 4: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this morning opened the new premises of Omega plc, the first development on the Capitol Park Industrial Estate at Thorne, near Doncaster.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of South Yorkshire (The Earl of Scarbrough).

November 4: The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, the Order of St John accompanied by The Duchess of Gloucester, this *morning visited the Durban St* John Headquarters and subsequently departed for Port Elizabeth.

In the afternoon Their Royal Highnesses visited the Stella Londt (Retirement) Complex and opened the new offices of the Port Elizabeth St John Headquarters, Sundridge Park, Port Elizabeth.

In the evening The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester attended a dinner at the Port Elizabeth Club.

Royal engagements

The Princess Royal will attend an industry committee meeting at Buckingham Palace at 9.30; as *President of the Animal Health* Trust, will preside at a meeting of the council of management at The Kennel Club, Clarges Street, W1, at 11.25; will attend a party at Dillons of Gower Street, WC1, at 3.00 to mark the company's 60th anniversary; and, as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will attend the International Yacht Racing Union's annual dinner and World Sailor of the Year awards at The Grand Hotel, Kings Road, Brighton, at 7.40.

The Duke of Kent, as president of the council, will attend a council meeting at King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers at 10.45; and, as Patron of the British Computer Society, will preside at the awards judging at Church House Conference Centre, Deans Yard, SW1, at 12.55.

Premium Bonds

The following Premium Bond prize winners were announced yesterday:
£100,000: 66MZ 505035, winner has a holding of £10,000 and comes from Shropshire; 44BZ 840951, £10,000, Mid Glamorgan: 25TZ 157382, £1,450, West Midlands: 15PN 219533, £175, East Sussex.
£50,000: 36KF 993589, £16,000, Clwyd: 36VL 406844, £100, Kent: 30WK 957595, £200, Co Durham: 8NK 346499, £20,000, Hertfordshire: 42LF 045770, £14,000, Kent: 60GP 661885, £5,025, Hackney, London: 54RL 684121, £500, Lancashire.
£25,000: 26YZ 861549, £10,334, Hertfordshire: TS 610319, £1,487, Avon: 56GS 675327, £10,517, Bedfordshire: 40ZL 153418, £17,500, Staffordshire: 40MF 915181, £17,850, Hammersmith and Fulham, London: 54MB 104701, £15,000, Hertfordshire: 47MN 045731, £15,000, Suffolk: 16BK 011822, £2,750, Oxfordshire: 14MW 167934, £10,000, Essex: 27TL 555268, £19,998, Cambridgeshire: 8AS 864987, £20,000, Kent: 53RF 621431, £1,000, West Sussex: 62NF 529043, £10,000, Wiltshire: 26YN 691292, £5,010, East Sussex: 12PF 365991, £227, Dumfriesshire.

CHRIS HARRIS

Eifion Thomas, a clog dancer, takes the Albert Hall in one mighty leap. He was performing there yesterday in the Schools Proms with a group of musicians, singers and dancers from Ceredigion, West Wales. Youngsters aged from five to 21 are taking part in the Schools Proms which continue today and tomorrow

Mr Peter Dobereiner

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Peter Dobereiner, former golf writer of *The Observer*, author and golf course designer, will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, on Tuesday, November 12, at noon

The Oratory School Society

The annual Requiem Mass for Old Oratorians will take place at 6.30pm, on Thursday, November 14, in the Little Oratory, Brompton, London SW7. There will be refreshments after the service.

The Royal Institute of International Affairs

The meeting which was to have been addressed by Farouk Al Shara'a, Foreign Minister of Syria, on Wednesday, November 6, 1996, at 1.30pm, has been cancelled.

Marie Curie Cancer Care

The appointment has been announced of Sir Nicholas Fenn, GCMG, as Chief Executive, Marie Curie Cancer Care, in January 1997 in succession to Major-General Michael Carleton-Smith, CBE, DL, on his retirement.

Ronald Bernstein Lecture

The Lord Chancellor was in the chair at the Ronald Bernstein lecture delivered by Lord Justice Saville on behalf of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the London Court of International *Arbitration last night at Middle* Temple.

London Guildhall University

Legal Practice Course results

Full-time
Bicknell, A A†; Dawson, H; Lewendon, D S†; Richardson, A L†; Smith, N C†; Williams, N R†; Akyuz, K*; Bach, D J*; Brodie, T J*; De Simone, R M*; Ekiyoyo, A*; Firmin, S S*; Foley, S A*; Frankum, M J*; Kato, T*; Keehan, G*; Kelly, C*; Lee, G V*; Lee, R J*; Lennon, J J*; Lill, A V*; Maisher, A R*; Mandel, G*; Marsh, L*; Massey, A*; Page, S K*; Panayiotou, S*; Payne, N D*; Reece, G P*; Robson, J-A E*; Rowberry, C C*; Scudder, K D*; Shepherd, K M*; Sheret, S L*; Stevenson, A C*; Stewart, E J*; Tejan, G A*; Vale, I A*; Veale, J S*; Zuhri, A B*; Akande, S B; Akhtar, N; Akram, T; Amin, B; Atta, A; Belcher, R S; Ben Ahron, A; Chaumoo, S; Clapham, M D; Cole, D; Dosanjh, S K; Dubb, S S; Gunston, W D; Hanrahan, S V; Inamul Haq, A; Jarvis, S D; Levy, J K; Matini, A; Nelson, G I; O'Donohue, J J; Onyebalu, T C; Pirie, P G; Reynolds, M T; Robinson, J; Rodney, J E; Rowe, P A; Sami, A K; Saunders Griffiths, G D; Shabir, S; Stamenkovic, M A; Sunderland, A K; Suzic, J; Turner, F V; Vadgama, D; Voloshin, I; Wong, S F; Wright, B P; Young, C J.

† Distinction; * Commendation; Pass unless otherwise stated

Part-time
Erken, A M†; Lewis, J A†; Ridge, P†; Clark, L B*; Dholakia, J*; Eaglen, J V V*; Guyatt, V C*; Henshall, M A*; Irving, C J*; King, V A*; Moore, R E*; Ogunjimi, A A A*; Rose, S*; Ross, C L*; Sladen, A C*; Sutton Smith, S M*; Taylor, P N*; Ali, I; Amoah, P; Ashton, N A; Bloom, A J; Chatwin, M P; Choudri, S; Clark, A R; Davidson, M A C; Eadie, F M; Ezifeula, F; Gaskin, J J; Hand, K F; Kirwan, S J; Maguire, M T; Mian, M I; Millen, A L; Pilgrim, L A M; Purcell, M R; Saleem, S; Salsbury, J; Saunders, L E M; Sharry, S J; Shaw, F C; Voznick, P M; Wahled, A A; Willis-Stewart, M E; Wood, R F.

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Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Beattie, poet, Laurencekirk, Kincardine, 1735; Washington Allston, painter, Brook Green Domain, South Carolina, 1779; James Elroy Flecker, poet, London, 1884; John Burdon Haldane, physiologist and geneticist, Bhubaneswar, India, 1892; Vivien Leigh, actress, Darjeeling, India, 1913.

DEATHS: Pierre Choderlos de Laclos, soldier, author of *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*, Taranto, Italy, 1803; Angelica Kaufmann, painter, Rome, 1807; James Clerk Maxwell, physicist, Cambridge, 1879; August Weismann, biologist, *Freiburg im Breisgau*, 1914; Christiaan Eijkman, physician, Nobel laureate 1929, Utrecht, 1930; George M. Cohan, actor and song writer, New York, 1942; Maurice Utrillo, painter, Le Vesinet, 1955; Mack Sennett, creator of the Keystone Cops films, Hollywood, 1960; Jacques Tati, actor and film director, 1982; Eamonn Andrews, broadcaster, London, 1987; Vladimir Horowitz, pianist, Manhattan, New York, 1989.

Woolworth's first British store opened, Liverpool, 1909.

Cyprus was annexed to Britain, 1914.

Howard Carter discovered Tutankhamun's tomb in the Valley of *the Kings near Luxor, Egypt*, 1922.

Birthdays today

Mr Bryan Adams, singer, 37; Mr R.W. Amand, VC, 82; Sir John Bailey, former HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor, 68; Mr John Berger, author and art critic, 70; Mr E.R.H. Bowring, *insurance broker, 81; the Right Rev* F.W. Cocks, former Bishop of Shrewsbury, 83; Mr Art Garfunkel, singer and composer, 55; General Sir John Hackett, 86; Mrs Caroline Jackson, MEP, 50; Dr Paul Knapman, Coroner for Westminster, 52; Professor Sir David Mason, former president, General Dental Council, 68; Mr Nicholas Maw, composer, 61; Mr Jim Moir, Controller, BBC Radio 2, 55; Mr John Morris, QC, MP, 65; Mr Lester Piggott, jockey and racehorse trainer, 61; Rear-Admiral Andrew Richmond, former executive director, RSPCA, 65; Mr Anthony Rolfe Johnson, tenor, 56; Mr Sam Shephard, actor, 53; Lord Stallard, 75; Sir William Stubbs, educationist, 59; Mr Eldred Tabachnik, QC, President, Board of Deputies of British Jews, 53; Mr Ned Temko, Editor, *Jewish Chronicle*, 44; Sir Anthony Tennant, senior adviser, Morgan Stanley UK Group, 66; the Earl of Yarborough, 33.

Latest wills

Pamela Lyndon Travers, of London, SW3, who wrote the children's book *Mary Poppins*, the film of which film, starred Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke, left estate valued at £2,044,078 net.

She left any payments received in respect of any books she wrote including any sequal to the film *Mary Poppins* to be held in trust with 9 per cent paid to the Cherry Tree *Foundation which should* also benefit from the proceeds of her residuary estate.

Appointment

Mr Donald O. Mills of Jamiaca to be Chairman of the Commonwealth Foundation from January 1. He succeeds Sir Richard Luce, *Vice-Chancellor of Buckingham* University.

Service dinners

HMS Victory
The Princess Royal and Captain T.J.H. Laurence attended a dinner held on board *HMS Victory* in Portsmouth last night. Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, was the host. The Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire and Captain C. Fagan, RN, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Portsmouth and Lord Palumbo, Member of the Royal Naval Museum Development Steering Committee, and Lady Palumbo were among the guests.

Dinners

Woolmen's Company
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, was the guest of honour and presented the Woolmen's Company silver medal and prize to Dr Tao Ruan Wan for his post graduate research work into wool, the company's Lord Barnby Bursary to Mr Glenn M. Rayne and the International Standards Organisation certificate to Liveryman P.B.F. Whitaker of the Allertex Group of Companies at a dinner held last night at Saddlers' Hall. Mr Michael D. Abrahams, Master, presided. Among others present were:
The Bishop of Sodor and Man, Lord Parkinson, Sir Michael Heron, the Dean of Canterbury and the Masters of the Saddlers', Founders', Horners, Framework Knitters', Actuaries' and Carmen's Companies and the Master of the Society of Apothecaries of London.

Athenaeum
Professsor J.H. Colin Leach was the principal speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Mr Graham Ross Russell was in the chair.

1 Dr Johnson's Buildings
The Chambers of Lord Thomas of Gresford, QC, at 1 Dr Johnson's Buildings in the Temple hosted a dinner for his family and friends at the Oxford & Cambridge Club on Tuesday, October 29, 1996, to celebrate his admission that day to the House of Lords. Lord Hooson, QC, proposed a toast on behalf of Chambers.

Fulbright Commission
The American Ambassador and Mrs Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Education and Employment, were among the speakers at the 50th anniversary gala dinner of the Fulbright Commission held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Mr Bill Gates presided and was the principal speaker. Mrs Harriet Fulbright, Mrs William J. Crowe Jr, Sir Geoffrey and Lady Leigh, Mr Robin Buchanan, Mr John Robb, Mr John Bond, Mr David Svendsen, Mr Bernard Vergnes, Mr Vernon Altman, Miss Colleen Farrell and Mr James Moore were among the guests.

Luncheons

HM Government
Mr Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, was the host at a luncheon given yesterday at the Ritz Hotel by Her Majesty's Government in honour of Mr Li Lanqing, Vice-Premier of China.

Coal Industry Society
Lord Parkinson was the principal guest and speaker at a luncheon of the Coal Industry Society held yesterday at the Park Lane Hotel. Mr A.J.A. Third, chairman, presided.

Legal appointment

Mr Stephen Baister to be a *Bankruptcy Registrar in the High* Court.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N. Beckett and Miss M.M.F. Paige
The engagement is announced between Neil, younger son of the late Mr W. Beckett and of Mrs Beckett, of Bath, and Miranda, younger daughter of Captain and Mrs R.N.M. Paige, of Hinton Charterhouse.

Mr R.I.W. Bond and Miss E-J. Parsons
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ian Bond, of Claverdon, Warwickshire, and Emma-Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Stuart Parsons, of Claverdon, Warwickshire.

Mr C.J. Carpenter and Miss F.L.L. Forbes
The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs James Carpenter, of Trimpley, Worcestershire, and Fiona, daughter of the late Mr Alex Forbes and of Mrs Ann Forbes, of South Warnborough, Hampshire.

Mr S.R. Cooper and Miss S.L. Cooper
The engagement is announced between Simon, only son of Mr Roger and Mrs Gwendoline Cooper, of Stafford, and Sarah Lucy, daughter of Mr David Cooper, of Wilton Crescent, London SW1, and the late Mrs Diana Cooper, of Pinner, Middlesex.

Dr J.R. Leach and Miss A.C. Turk
The engagement is announced between John (Robert), son of Mr and Mrs J.B. Leach, of Woking, Surrey, and Alexandra, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G.M. Turk, of Alderley Edge, Cheshire.

Mr S.J. Pettitt and Miss A.S.B. Hay
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr Royston Pettitt, of Bearsted, Kent and Mrs Patrick Germain, of Marden, Kent, and Allison, daughter of the late Dr Hugh Hay, of Sevenoaks, Kent and of Mrs James Downs, of Wineham, Sussex.

Mr P. Soros and Miss F. Fraser
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs Paul Soros, of New York, and Flora, daughter of the late Sir Hugh Fraser, MP, and of Lady Antonia Pinter.

Mr N.C. Staddon and Miss J.E.M. Mindenhall
The engagement is announced between Nicolas, son of Mr and Mrs K.A. Staddon, of Pleudaniel, France, and Jane, daughter of Mr P.S. Mindenhall and Mrs C.M. Mindenhall, of York.

Marriages

Mr R.H.A. Brodhurst and Mrs P. Stiaton
The marriage took place quietly on October 31, 1996, at St Denys Church, Stanford Dingley, near Pangbourne, between Mr Robin Brodhurst and Mrs Penelope Stiaton.

Mr J.M. Ormerod and Mrs P.H.E. Gress
The marriage took place on Saturday, November 2, at The Swedish Church, London, between Mr John Ormerod and Mrs Pia Helena Gress.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Mr Norman Lamont, MP, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Miss Hazel Ellis presided.

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It was the devil's spite that *brought death into* the world, and the experience of it is reserved for those who take his side. Wisdom of Solomon 2 : 24

BIRTHS

BARNES - On October 31st, in Oxford, to Amanda (née Griffiths) and Jonathan, a beautiful daughter, Alicia Bethan, a sister for Nicholas.

BURRING - On 30th September 1996, to Vanessa (nee Jones) and Simon, a son, Robert Alexander.

CARNWATH On 15th October 1996, to Anthony and Lindsey (née Jobbins), a daughter, Jessica Isabel, a sister for Alex, Hugo, Maisie and Sebastian.

CHETWODE - On November 2nd, to Sheelagh (née *Boyland) and Richard, a son*, Harry Thomas Christopher.

DAVIDSON - On November 1st at The Portland Hospital, to Karoline and Mitchell, a beautiful son, George. A brother for Natalie.

DAVIES - On October 30th 1996, to Sarah (née Palmer) and Guy, a son, Oscar Thomas Kristin.

DOBBS - On 25th October, to Rebecca (née Kitteridge) and Jeremy, a son, Cyrus Edwin.

EDEN - On 31st October, to Victoria (née Deshon) and Edward, a daughter, Charlotte.

GILBERT-RYAN - On Friday 1st November at Watford General Hospital, to Christopher and Rosalind, a beautiful daughter, Eleanor Margaret Avebury.

HICKS BEACH - On 31st October at Cheltenham, to Kate and David, a daughter, Lucy Susan.

MARCUS - On October 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Rachel (née Cohen) and Barry, a beautiful daughter, Olivia Francesca.

NICHOLSON - On October 24th at The Portland Hospital, to Tessa and Geoffrey, a daughter, Miranda Lucy Elinor, a sister for William, Esmé, Rupert and Henry.

REVIAKIN - On November 1st, to Rosanna and Sergei, a son, Alexander Ronald.

RODWELL - On 19th October, to Judith (née Chandler) and Paul, a son, Charles Frederick Paul, brother to Gregory and Sabine.

WALL - On October 26th, to Penny (née Brown) and Liam, a son, Edward Charles Dashwood.

DEATHS

BECK - On 2nd November 1996 peacefully in hospital Ruth Maria, beloved sister of Rachel. Interment of cremated remains will take place at Hoop Lane Cemetery, NW11, Wednesday 6th November 1996 at 2 pm. Enquiries to M.M. Broad & *Son, tel: (0181) 445-2797.*

DEATHS

ALLISTON - On 31st October, Rex (papa), peacefully aged 83. Loved husband of Prue and devoted father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Family flowers only. Donations please to the Macmillan Unit, King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Sussex. Funeral at 12 noon on 13th November at the Guildford Crematorium.

CLEMETSON - Peggy (née Wacher), in Nerang, Australia on 4th November 1996. Younger daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs Stewart Wacher of Canterbury and sister of Eve and John.

COLWELL - Suddenly on October 31st 1996, Daphne (née Hunt) of Evesham, Worcs. *Beloved wife, mother* and grandmother. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Evesham on Thursday, November 7th at 1 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for Evesham Ambulance Station Appeal to Philip Tomlins, Funeral Directors, 36, The Leys, Evesham, Worcs. WR11 5AF.

DAVIES - Juliet peacefully in hospital on 2nd November 1996. Private cremation to be held on Friday 8th November, and a Memorial Service at St James's Church, Piccadilly, London W1 on Monday 11th November 1996 at 5 pm. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research.

DAVIS - On November 2nd peacefully at Rothbury Nursing Home, Newport, Brigid beloved wife of Tom, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs David Buckley, mother of Andrew, Kate and Ben and dear grandmother of her five grandchildren. RIP. Requiem Mass at St Mary's Church, Stow Hill, Newport at 11 am on Friday 8th November followed by cremation at Gwent Crematorium. Family flowers only.

de HOERIGA - Alexander on November 1st 1996. Private cremation. Memorial Service will be held on 22nd November at St Denys Church, Ravensthorpe at 2.30 pm.

ELY - On 1st November 1996, peacefully at home in Port Hope, Ontario, Canada, Elspeth Ann, beloved wife of Charles Tottenham, Marquis of Ely and only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs P.T. Hay of Highgate.

FARBER - Janek Farber A.R.I.B.A. died peacefully on October 28th aged 89.

FINLAISON - Audrey Miriam, on Friday November 1st aged 87, peacefully in hospital after a short illness. Devoted mother of Bruce and Virginia and grandmother of Clare, Sam and Jamie. Funeral private. No flowers or letters please. Donations, if desired, to local hospices.

FFOOKS - Adrian on November 1st sadly taken so early from his loving family and many friends. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Rudgwick, 12 noon Friday November 8th. No flowers. Donations please to Sussex Beacon Hospice, Sevendean Road, Brighton.

GERDES - Robin Alan passed away October 12th in Adelaide, S. Australia. Dearly loved husband of Loraine and loving father of Georgette and Jenny. Loved son of Mrs Hood and sister Susan.

GLASS - (Née Bloice) Margaret Jean peacefully after many years with Alzheimer's, on 2nd November 1996 aged 79. Treasured companion of Trypheon and much loved mother of Lesley and Stuart. Funeral at Shere Parish Church 8th November at 1.45 pm followed by cremation at Guildford Crematorium and afterwards at Wood Hall, Ellens Green. Flowers from family and close friends only please, but donations to the Alzheimer's Disease Society or the RSPCA may be sent c/o Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 6NY, tel: (01483) 567333.

GODDARD-WILSON - Lavinia (née Cassels) on Saturday November 2nd 1996 peacefully at King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, London. After a short illness. Beloved wife of the late Colonel Richard Goddard-Wilson. Dearly loved by her family and all her many friends both in England and abroad. Funeral Service at St Mark's Church, St Mark's Square, Regent's Park Road, NW1 on Monday November 11th 1996 at 2.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations if wished to Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Leverton & Sons Ltd. Funeral Directors, 212 Eversholt Street, London NW1 1BD.

GROSCH - On 31st October 1996 Antony John Peter (Johnnie), beloved husband of Patricia and father of David and Alexandra, loving grandfather of Matilda and Milo. Service St Mary the Virgin, Stoke-by-Nayland, on Friday 8th November at 3pm. Family flowers only, donations if wished to Cancer Research or "Campaign for Hunting" c/o BFSS, 59 Kennington Road, SE1 7PZ.

HILDEBLAND - Adolf Helmut (Peter), suddenly on 3rd November 1996, at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Guernsey, aged 57 years, after a short illness courageously borne, dearly loved husband of Gaynor, much loved father of Tara, Petra and Katya. "Will be very sadly missed". Private Family Funeral.

HAY - On 3rd November in Vancouver, Canada, Anthony Malcolm, husband of Penny, father of Julian and Jeannette and brother of Donald, Daphne, Penny and the late Alan.

HILL - After a short illness Freda aged 97 peacefully on November 1st at South Petherton, Somerset. Beloved mother to Edward and Ena, grandmother to Julian, Andrew and Stephen and great-grandmother to Matthew and Rachel. All enquiries to Irish & Denman F/D (01460) 240348.

HILLARD - His Honour Richard died peacefully after a short illness on November 2nd 1996 aged 90. Much loved by all his family. Funeral Service at St Mary's, Staunton-on-Wye, on Friday November 8th at 12 noon. All enquiries to Messrs Dawe Bros. (01432) 274066.

HILL - Margaret Teresa (née Stanton) at Namanga, Tanzania, on 2nd November 1996.

HOLDSWORTH - On 1st November, Barbara Lucy Ussher (Hannah), née Acton, beloved wife of Lt. Cdr. John Holdsworth. Loving mother of Nicholas and Jane, grandmother of Ben, Sam, Lucy, Annabel and Rachel, and great-grandmother of Jamie and Eloise. Funeral Service at Stokenham, nr. Kingsbridge, South Devon, on Friday 8th November at 3pm No flowers please. Enquiries to Ferring Funeral Services, tel: (01803 [illegible]).

HOPPER - (Née Brett) peacefully in hospital on 2nd November 1996. Pat dearly loved wife of John, mother of Simon, Alison and Tom and grandmother of Charlotte. Private cremation followed by Service of Thanksgiving at 12 noon on Monday 11th November 1996 in St Saviours Church, Woodbridge Road, Guildford. Please no flowers, but donations if desired to RACUF c/o Aylings, 25 South Road, Guildford, GU2 6NY (tel: 01483-567333 to whom any enquiries should be referred).

HUMPHREYS - Sir Oliver CBE, President of Caterham School, sadly died on Sunday 3rd November in Australia. The funeral will be held on 7th November in Adelaide, Australia. Further details may be obtained from Caterham School.

LANE - Jill (née Powell-Tuck) on Monday 4th November after a long illness. Funeral Service at Hampstead Cemetery on Friday 8th November at 11.30 am.

KING - Peacefully on 1st November 1996 Frank, formerly master at Sherborne School. Funeral enquiries to W.S. Brister & Son, Sherborne, tel: (01935) 812647.

LEYLAND - On 30th October 1996, suddenly, John Roger Nowell Leyland, Solicitor and Partner in Herbert Smith. Funeral Service West Chapel Golders Green Crematorium 8th November 4.30pm. Flowers and enquiries to T. Cribb & Sons, Victoria House, 10 Woolwich Manor Way, Beckton, London E6 4PA. Donations if preferred to Africa Now (Boris House, Townmead Road, London SW6 2QD), or Cat Protection League (17 Kings Road, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 5PN).

LISTER - On November 2nd 1996 peacefully after a long struggle against failing health Eileen, beloved and devoted wife of John, mother of Andrew, Robert and the late Ian and grandmother of Sam, Tom and Ian. Private cremation followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at The United Reformed Church, Aylesbury End, The Old Town, Beaconsfield, on Friday 8th November at 12.15 pm to which all friends are welcome. Family flowers only please. Donations to the Department of Medical Oncology at St Bartholomew's Hospital may be sent, desired to H.C. Grimstead Ltd., Tilbury House, Shepherds Lane, Beaconsfield, HP9 2DU.

MARTIN-BIRD - Nigel aged 84 years peacefully on 3rd November 1996. Beloved husband of Diana and dearly loved father of Angela, Tessa and Alastair and grandfather of Anthony, Emma, Victoria *and Alice. Funeral Service on* Thursday 7th November at St Mary's Church, Shipley, at 2.30 pm. No mourning. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to 1st Shipley Scouts Group or Gracelands Nursing Home. Enquiries to Freeman Bros., 9 North Parade, Horsham, W. Sussex tel: (01403) 254590.

MOLE - Antony John on 2nd November at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, dear husband of Mairi and father of Jenny and John. Cremation at Carlisle Crematorium on Friday 8th November at 2.40 pm. A Memorial Service will be held in London on a date to be announced. Inter. Family flowers only. Donations if so desired to A.G.R.I.

MOODY - Sarah Caroline, aged 91 years, peacefully on November 2nd. Funeral Service at Broxbourne Church on Thursday November 7th at noon. Enquiries to Poulton & Sons, (01992) 572609.

NASH - On 31st October, at his home, Richard Christopher Nash, Engineer, beloved husband of Alexandra and dear father of Emily, George and Gemma. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Worplesden, at 1.30 pm on Thursday 7th November. Family flowers only - donations if desired to Dr. Cunningham's Research Fund, Royal Marsden Hospital, Downs Road, Sutton, Surrey, SM2 5PT.

PETIT - On November 4th 1996 the Rev. Dom Ian Petit, aged 73 years, Monk of Ampleforth Abbey. Requiem Mass Friday 8th November at 12 noon at Ampleforth Abbey.

PIKE - On 31st October 1996, at the Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, after a long illness bravely borne, William Theodore (Theo) aged 61. Beloved husband of Jean Marie, father of Theodore and Charlotte, son of Lady Violet and the late Sir Theodore Pike and brother of Brigid and John. Funeral Service will take place at St John's Church, Mayford, Guildford, on Wednesday November 6th at 2 pm. All enquiries to Pitams Funeral Services, tel: (01483) 567294.

REUPEN - Eric, in Eastbourne (ex also Brighton, Cornwall and Westminster Bank) on 4th November. Sorely missed by John, Mary and Gordon.

REES - John Maldwyn peacefully in hospital on October 31st aged 77 years. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Private cremation at Narbeth 7th November 1996.

TIMOURIAN - Stephan died on 29th October 1996 in Antibes, France. Beloved husband of Hélène Timourian - Allian and brother of Marie Timourian.

TOWNSEND - Joan Elizabeth, widow of John Meredith, dear sister of Dorothy, Diana and Bryan, devoted and favourite aunt and great-aunt. Died peacefully at Marie Curie Hospice, Caterham, on November 2nd. Funeral arrangements contact (0181) 660-7622.

SETH-SMITH - Constance Rose peacefully on November 1st in Bristol aged 100 years, after a very active life in Nursing and the Church. Funeral at St Matthew's, Kingsdown, on Friday November 8th at 2.15 pm followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations made payable to R. Davies & Son for distribution to her favourite charities c/o 281 Gloucester Road, Horfield, Bristol BS7 8TN.

SMITH - Annabel peacefully at home on October 31st aged 91 years. Widow of Dr. Trevor Smith, much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, South Walsham on Thursday November 7th at 2.30 pm followed by interment. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for the NSPCC may be sent c/o Broadland Funeral Services, 102 Norwich Road, Wroxham, Norwich, NR12 8RY.

STEPHENS - John on November 1st peacefully after a dreadful illness borne with fortitude. Much loved husband of Annette and father of Simon and Minnie. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church, Otham, 3pm Friday 8th November. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Motor Neurone Society c/o Michael Lawrence, 93 King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1BG.

SWIFT - On November 3rd 1996, peacefully at St Luke's Hospital, Huddersfield, Councillor Heather May Farquhar Swift O.B.E., aged 79 years of Slaithwaite, Huddersfield. Dearly loved wife of the late Willie Swift, dear mother of Malcolm and a devoted grandmother. Service at Linthwaite Parish Church, Huddersfield, on Friday November 8th at 12.30 pm followed by committal (private) at Huddersfield Crematorium. Will friends please accept this (the only) intimation. Family flowers only please to The Taylor Funeral Home, Huddersfield but donations in lieu if desired to The Stroke Association, Abbey Business Centre, 30 Lawrence Street, York YO1 2BN.

THOMPSON - Charles. On October 31st 1996, peacefully at home after a brave and hard fought battle with cancer. Much loved husband of Rosemary, loving father of Mark, Hilary and Carola and devoted grandfather of Alex and Charlie. Private family cremation. Thanksgiving Service at 2.30 pm on Saturday November 23rd at St Peter's Church, Newdigate, Surrey. No flowers. Donations, if desired, for District Nurses Fund, Marie Curie Nursing Service and Brighte Trust (BHC) may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 2ES.

TUPPER - On 1st November suddenly Commander Alan William Tupper RN (ret'd) aged 69 years. Founder of Latchways Ltd. Beloved husband of Harriet and father of Christopher, Virginia, Stephen, Simon, Giles and Matthew and devoted grandfather. Funeral Service at Castle Combe Church on Saturday 9th November at 1.30 pm followed by interment at Leigh Delamere. Family flowers only please but if wished donations to the RNLI, West Quay Road, Poole, BH15 1HZ.

VERN - (Née Lieberman) Lilian Rosa (Baba) died peacefully in hospital on 2nd November 1996 aged 93. Beloved wife of the late William and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation at Salisbury Crematorium on Tuesday 12th November at 11.40 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation c/o John Shering Funeral Directors, 34 Provost Street, Fordingbridge, SP6 1AY.

WALLIS - Jack peacefully at home in Normanby on 31st October, having lived courageously to the end. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral St Andrew's Church, Normanby, York, 12 noon Monday 11th November. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Parkinson's Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0RA.

WRIGHT - Sue (née Hemman) died peacefully on 3rd November in Kenya. Very much loved wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt and much missed by all who knew her. Memorial Service in Kenya, contact Brendan Wright, PO Box 24319, Nairobi, Kenya.

WELFORD - Margaret (Meg), of East Hendred, Oxon, passed away peacefully on November 1st aged 85, Third of the Four Welford Sisters. Much loved by Ruth Hudson, Jean Welford and the late Dr. Elizabeth. A thanksgiving service will be held at Summertown United Reformed Church, Banbury Road, Oxford, on Friday 8th November at 2 pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BURKE - Formerly Woolley (née Lloyd-Jones). A Memorial Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Erica Burke will be held in Uppingham Parish Church, Uppingham, Rutland, on Saturday 30th November 1996 at 2.30 pm.

DEARMER - Geoffrey. Requiem Eucharist St Mary's, Primrose Hill, November 21st at noon.

SPEKE - Memorial Service for Neil Hanning Reed will be held at St Andrew's Church, Corbridge, Northumberland, at 2 pm on Thursday 21st November.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

CRUTTWELL - Ian Andrew, died 5th November 1994 St. Gallen, Switzerland. Remembered today and every day with great love and affection. Jean, Caroline and Alexander.

FARRAR - Dear Susie, thinking of you with love on your birthday, as always. Mum, Robert, Rosie and family.

THORPE - Lewis (5th November 1913 - 10th October 1977): "Where are the divine poets? Where are the worthy souls who preach morality? Where are the masters of the Latin tongue?" (Gerald of Wales).

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

DRAKE - Molly. Always remembered with love; especially on her birthday. Also her beloved husband Rodney and son Nick.

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JEAN-BEDEL BOKASSA

Jean-Bédel Bokassa, former ruler of the Central African Republic, died on November 3 aged 75. He was born on February 22, 1921.

In the course of his 13-year reign in Central Africa, Jean-Bédel Bokassa became a byword for cruelty, greed and the unbridled exercise of absolute power. He will perhaps be remembered chiefly as an arrogant buffoon with a Napoleon complex, preening himself on a gold-plated throne in a parody of imperial pomp. But the preposterous vanity of his comic-book coronation as self-styled Emperor was only the most absurd manifestation of a capricious tyranny that did untold harm to an already struggling nation. Supported almost to the end by French governments anxious to maintain their influence over a former colony (and keen to exploit its deposits of diamonds and uranium), he systematically plundered the meagre resources of one of the world's poorest countries and subjected its people to a rule of unpredictable terror.

Jean-Bédel Bokassa was born in a village some 50 miles from Bangui in what was then the French colony of Oubangui-Chari. His father, a village chief, was murdered when Bokassa was six years old, and his mother committed suicide; the boy was brought up by French missionaries. After joining the Free French forces during the war he went on to serve in the French Army for 23 years with courage and distinction, notably in Indo-China, before being invited to return to his own country to set up its armed forces after independence. He rose rapidly to become Commander-in-Chief. The regime, headed by Bokassa's cousin, David Dacko, soon ran into economic difficulties and eventually found itself faced with a general strike. It was then, on New Year's Eve 1965, that Bokassa was installed as President in a bloodless *coup d'état*.

When Oubangui-Chari became independent as the Central African Republic in 1960, it had retained close links with France, and the coup that brought Bokassa to power had had French support, at the very least. Bokassa would refer to General de Gaulle as "Papa", and "Père", and he in turn was regarded by Jacques Foccart, architect of de Gaulle's Africa policy, as *un militaire très francophile*. When news of the coup reached Paris, Foccart saw no need to intervene and did not even wake de Gaulle.

The early years of Bokassa's regime were promising. Although he had himself grown up in an atmosphere of violence and cruelty, he treated the ousted President Dacko with generosity. For a time he seemed content to remain within the comfortable orbit of the French Community, and to devote much of his energy to tackling the problems of poverty and hunger and the evils of corruption and overmanning in his civil service. He instigated agricultural reforms, expanded diamond production, and built a university; but it was not long before he became obsessed with domestic rivalries and threats to his own position.

There were several attempted assassinations and abortive coups and he asked for French military help to deal with one insurrection. Although he ostensibly continued to model his administration on French lines, he gradually assumed more and more powers himself until, by 1974, he was President for Life, Minister of Justice, Minister of Defence, Minister of the Interior, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs and Keeper of the Seals. Reports began to circulate about the harsh treatment of political opponents.

His foreign policy was equally idiosyncratic. While he took an active part in meetings of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), he also joined a number of other francophone leaders in establishing links with South Africa. Early in 1970 he began to solicit help from the Soviet Union and the Eastern bloc, but relations with France, though turbulent, remained close, and by November he was weeping at General de Gaulle's funeral and renewing his good relations with various French politicians, notably with the then Finance Minister, Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, with whom he shared a passion for hunting.

Six years later, after a visit from Colonel Gaddafi of Libya in 1976, Bokassa dissolved the conventional forms of government and reassumed power as President of a Council of the Central African Revolution. He had been brought up as a Roman Catholic but now, declaring that Christianity was not an African religion but "an instrument of European imperialism", he became a Muslim and changed his style to Field Marshal Salah al Din Ahmad Bokassa.

This phase did not last, and in the following year he renamed his country the Central African Empire, with himself as its ruler. He crowned himself Emperor in December 1977 in one of the most grotesquely lavish spectacles ever seen.

At a time when his country had an annual per capita income of just over £100, Bokassa's coronation cost tens of millions. The model was the coronation of Napoleon, as seen through the eyes of Hollywood. There was a triumphal arch with classical Greek columns; a gold-plated throne in the shape of an eagle, weighing more than two tons; an imperial state coach drawn by a team of imported white horses; 3,000 imperial guards in ceremonial uniforms; a crown decorated with rubies, emeralds and 8,000 local diamonds; 20 tons of fresh flowers, flown in from Europe; robes of scarlet and ermine, embroidered with pearls ... "This is a milestone in the intrepid march of our people towards its own destiny," Bokassa proclaimed. "Who could doubt that the authentic Africa is one of kingdoms and empires?"

In fact, most of Africa viewed Bokassa's antics as a disgrace. The ceremony attracted scorn and revulsion from around the world, and the Pope and many of the invited heads of state stayed away. But still there were diplomats from 40 countries in attendance, and France seemed content to foot most of the bill, as a bizarre extension of aid to its former colony. But the real cost was borne by the new Emperor's subjects, for by now Bokassa was shamelessly treating the national exchequer as a personal bank account, and his extravagance had brought the country to the brink of ruin.

Greed was now fully matched by brutality. The regime's rumoured cruelties grew ever more atrocious, but there were also plenty of authenticated tales of Bokassa's condoning or personally participating in violations of human rights. Convicted criminals were beaten to death, and thieves had their ears cut off. Foreign journalists were assaulted and imprisoned. Schoolchildren protesting at the introduction of compulsory school uniforms (available only from a company controlled by the Emperor's wife) were tortured and killed, some undoubtedly by Bokassa himself.

The massacre of schoolchildren provoked an international outcry and obliged even Giscard to withdraw his support in 1979. In September of that year, two years after his coronation, Bokassa was himself ousted by a French-backed coup while away on a state visit to Libya. He was replaced by the same David Dacko whom he had originally unseated.

Bokassa sought asylum in France, where he had extensive property and business interests, but he was initially persuaded to seek refuge instead with his old friend Houphouët-Boigny in the Ivory Coast. France, however, was by no means rid of him; the revelation that President Giscard had once accepted a gift of diamonds from him caused a scandal and almost certainly contributed to François Mitterrand's victory in the 1981 presidential elections.

In October 1986, for reasons best known to himself, Bokassa returned to the Central African Republic. He was put on trial for a catalogue of offences of which he had already been convicted in his absence. Despite the discovery of human corpses stuffed with rice in the presidential freezer, accusations of cannibalism were dismissed for lack of evidence, but there was proof enough to convict him of conspiracy to murder, illegal detention of people, and embezzlement of state funds. He was sentenced to death, but the sentence was commuted by President André Kolingba to one of life imprisonment, later reduced to 20 years and then to ten. In 1993, after serving nearly seven years, Bokassa was released. To the end, by which time he was proclaiming himself the 13th Apostle of Christ, he remained convinced of his popularity, and he was eager to stand as a candidate in the next presidential elections.

Bokassa had numerous wives and mistresses, including his Empress, Catherine, and a Romanian ballet dancer who had hopes of sharing his throne; between them they bore him some 55 children.

Bokassa at his coronation as Emperor of his self-proclaimed Central African Empire

LORD HANKEY

Lord Hankey, KCMG, KCVO, diplomat, died on October 28 aged 91. He was born on July 5, 1905.

ROBIN HANKEY was a diplomat whose choice of profession was largely inspired by his father, who had been Secretary to the Cabinet, and by family friendships with Lloyd George and Winston Churchill. In difficult posts his courage strengthened the resolve of his own staff and that of other missions.

His favourite activities of music, skiing, tennis, swimming, sailing and camping were often an extension of his professional duties. Even on brief official visits, he would seize any opportunity to ski, amazing younger colleagues. When he finally stopped aged 87, he had skied in more than twenty countries.

The eldest son of the 1st Lord Hankey, a legend even in his lifetime in Whitehall, Robert Maurice Alers Hankey was sent to school at Rugby, where he sat in the sixth form with his future foreign service colleague Frank Roberts. He read PPE at New College, Oxford, and gained a travelling fellowship from Queen's College to study at Tours and Bonn Universities.

After a brief period in Berlin, he was transferred to Paris where, typically, he played hockey as centre half for the Racing Club and, winning the league title, represented France in international matches. (Possessing an exceptional eye, he would safely hit a cherry stone off the Whitehall pavement with full force using the tip of an umbrella.)

He returned to London on his marriage in 1930 to Francis Bevyl Stuart-Menteth. Appointed private secretary to Anthony Eden, he accompanied him on visits to Berlin, Geneva and Rome, meeting Hitler and Mussolini. On a train journey to Munich the SS guard told him that Dachau was behind a nearby hill. He could thus claim to be among the first British officials to learn of the existence of concentration camps.

His next posting was Warsaw, from which he had to flee in 1939 in his Austin 7 with the embassy translator, his dog and the ciphers. He then went to Bucharest, where he was still *en poste* the day the Iron Guard took over. He made his escape quickly since he knew his name was on its death list.

After a year in Cairo, he had a more prolonged stay in Tehran, where he assisted his former colleague, Fitzroy Maclean, on his SAS mission to kidnap the chief of the Persian General Staff, the chief Axis agent in Persia. He also played tennis weekly with the young Shah, acting as the Allies' unofficial contact with

him. This was to have its legacy. In early 1953, when he refused to give his *agrément* to Hankey as Ambassador, the Prime Minister, Mossadeq, was heard to remark: "Hankey Business is Monkey Business."

Spending the rest of the war in London, he returned to Warsaw in 1946. He remembered this period chiefly for his visits to the extermination camps of Auschwitz and Maidanek, where he saw the horrors of the Holocaust for himself.

Recalled to London to become head of the Northern Department he was present at the meetings instigated by Ernie Bevin anticipating the beginnings of the Cold War. In 1949 Bevin sent him as chargé d'affaires to Madrid to restart diplomatic relations with Franco. Becoming Minister to Hungary two years later, he formed friendships there which lasted for the rest of his life.

In 1953, a medical emergency resulted in his becoming chargé d'affaires in Cairo, a post for which Churchill personally briefed him (making no secret of his distaste for the Foreign Office policy of appeasing Nasser). Although he got on personally well enough with Nasser, it fell to him to warn the Government that, if British troops were withdrawn, the Egyptians would invade the Canal Zone within six months.

He took up his first post as Ambassador in Stockholm in 1954. He was appointed KCMG in 1955 and KCVO in 1956 following the royal visit. His popularity led to his later becoming president of the Anglo-Swedish Society.

But his crowning diplomatic achievements were at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris from 1960 to 1965. He was proud of persuading the Treasury to accept the need for OECD, which followed on the completion of the Marshall Plan for which the original Organisation for European Economic Co-operation had been created. Hankey played no small part in helping to guide both bodies through critical stages, and was a particularly effective in gaining recognition of the need for the main industrial countries to co-ordinate their economic policies.

After retiring in 1965, he became a council member of the United World Colleges and of the International Baccalaureate Foundation, as well as being a director of the Alliance Building Society. In the House of Lords, where he unwaveringly sat on the cross benches, he brought his common sense and balance of judgment to many areas — foreign and economic policy, labour relations, and, more recently, in drawing attention to the benefits of transcendental meditation.

His first wife Bevyl died in 1957. In 1962 he married Joanna Wright, who died in 1991. The following year he married, thirdly, Stephanie Langley (née King), who survives him, together with the two daughters and two sons of his first marriage. His elder son Donald succeeds to the barony.

ELEANOR DULLES

Eleanor Dulles, American diplomat and economist, died on October 30 aged 101. She was born on June 1, 1895.

ELEANOR DULLES was a formidable woman and career diplomat, who was sometimes referred to as "the mother of West Berlin" for her success in rejuvenating the economy of that city in the aftermath of the Second World War. She might have gone further, had it not been for the male chauvinism which was then rampant in the State Department. Never unduly modest, she herself considered that a Cabinet seat would have been a fitting reward for her achievements.

As it was, her career was stalled not only by the prejudices of the day but, ironically, by her family connections. Her two brothers were John Foster Dulles, President Eisenhower's Secretary of State; and Allen Dulles, with the CIA from 1951 until the Bay of Pigs.

In 1953 the newly appointed John Foster Dulles used his influence to secure his brother the deputy directorship of the CIA (he became director later the same year). His sister had already been appointed special assistant to the office of German affairs within the State Department, and Foster Dulles swiftly tried to manoeuvre her into resigning, in order to counter charges of nepotism. In his first objective he did not succeed, as Eleanor liked to recall with satisfaction.

She only rarely saw her two brothers in Washington, where she was renowned for a strong handshake and an intolerance of small talk. The Dulles family had, as a clan, much of the political single-mindedness of the Kennedys, if without their charisma. Eleanor was one of five children born to a Presbyterian minister in Watertown, New York, and raised into the privilege of the East Coast Establishment. Her grandfa-

ther, John W. Foster, had been Secretary of State under President Harrison; her uncle, Robert Lansing, held the same post under Woodrow Wilson. Eleanor could remember being taken to see the inauguration of President Taft in 1909. He rode in an open carriage, and it snowed.

The women of the family were expected to contribute as much to public service as the men. Eleanor graduated from Bryn Mawr College in 1917, worked with refugees in France at the end of the First World War, then went on to study at the LSE. She wrote a scholarly book on the French franc and was awarded a doctorate in economics by Yale University. In 1932 she defied her family to marry an Orthodox Jew, David Blondheim. Her husband committed suicide in 1934.

She entered government service in 1936, as an economist on the Social Security Board. Joining the State Department in 1942, she represented her country at the Bretton Woods conference of 1944 and, immediately after the Second World War ended, was sent to Vienna as financial attaché. Her job was to organise the feeding of starving Austrians, a feat which she accomplished by bartering horses for German potatoes. She performed a much greater economic miracle during the 1950s when she was sent to West Berlin to improve industrial productivity and to reduce the staggering rate of unemployment of 33 per cent.

The job entailed much shuttle diplomacy. To speed up her frequent requests to Washington for money she would send notes from Berlin, asking for aid, "then rush back to Washington in time to compose favourable answers".

She left her German posting in 1959 and retired from the State Department three years later. In retirement she had time to concentrate on her memoirs. She wrote 13 books in all, ranging from academic works on her favourite topic — American foreign policy — to a detective novel.

She is survived by her son and daughter.

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DATED THIS 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1996
M C Withall
Joint Liquidator

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The Insolvency Act and Rules 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106, We, Stephen Patrick Jane Wadsted and John Stewart Baird both of Kidsons Impey, Spencerian House, 20-26 Cursitor Street, London EC4A 1HY, give notice that at the meeting of creditors held on 28th October 1996 our appointment by the members on 15th October 1996 as Joint Liquidators of Authority Bank Limited was confirmed.
Under Rule 4.182(2) proofs of debt may be required by the Liquidators. However, for those creditors who have claimed in the Administration and participated in the previous distributions this requirement can be dispensed with.
Notice is hereby given that any creditors who have not lodged a claim in the previous proceedings or who have not claimed earlier distribution payments, are required, on or before 31st December 1996 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Stephen Patrick Jane Wadsted of Spencerian House, 20-26 Cursitor Street, London EC4A 1HY, the Joint Liquidators of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Joint Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.
Dated: 30 October 1996
S P J Wadsted
Joint Liquidator

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rules 4.182A and 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the Liquidator of the above companies intends to make a distribution to creditors within four months of 6 December 1996. Creditors are required to submit full details of their claims to the Liquidator, Roger Smith, KPMG, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP on or before Friday 6 December 1996, which is the last day for proving claims. The full details of claims, referred to above, must include the creditor's name and address, the amount of the claim and particulars of how and when the debt was incurred by the company. Notice is also given that the intended distribution to creditors will be the final distribution to creditors and that it will be made without regard to any claims not made by the last day for proving claims. All funds remaining in the Liquidator's hands following the final distribution to creditors shall be distributed to shareholders absolutely.
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November 5, 1853

Dickens based Coketown, the industrial setting for Hard Times *(1854), on Preston which he had visited and where cotton strikers had been out of work for more than 20 weeks.*

THE LANCASHIRE STRIKES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

PRESTON, Friday

There is nothing in the social condition of the people of this country more remarkable than the circumstance that, with all our boasted good sense, and with our experience in regulating the relations between capital and labour far surpassing any other nation in the world, we should not yet have surmounted the folly as well as the misery of strikes. Whether the responsibility and blame of these combinations rest with the masters or the men, they are so wrong, so injurious to the welfare and prosperity of the community at large, that it does seem wonderful how this great "Manchester district" especially should still be unable to suppress them. Manchester, which has done so much, and expects to do so much more, by the force of opinion, ought surely to set an example to foreign nations of its power at home by quashing these insane developments of the war spirit in the mills of its own neighbourhood. It is somewhat difficult for persons not connected with manufactures, nor surrounded by the sights and sounds of manufacturing life, to appreciate the real character of strikes. To say that the tall chimneys no longer vomit forth their clouds of smoke, that the machinery of so many mills is suspended, and that the starving operatives are hanging idly about the streets — all this is bad enough, but it conveys no adequate idea of the evil. Half-a-dozen pitched battles between the Turks and Russians in the Danubian principalities are not more decidedly and disastrously a war for the combatants and the locality than are the "turn-outs" or "lock-outs" of this wonderful district. Where industrial pursuits are so highly organized; where it is not unusual to have thousands of men, women, and children working under one roof, and in the production of one article of commerce; where to that vast concentration of labour is added the stupendous power of machinery multiplying to an almost fabulous extent the productive energy of the country — in a district so provided anything which brings the system to a standstill is a calamity of the highest order. When it is the result of failing markets, of scarce cotton crops, of a deficient supply of food, of panics and bankruptcies, and the other adverse influences to which all human affairs are more or less exposed, the sufferers must bow their heads in patient acquiescence. That, however, is not the case at present. The mills were closed because master and hand having their dearest interests at stake in understanding each other, won't do so. Disagreeing upon terms, each seeks to coerce the other into his own, and, in the struggle, every extremity is braved. The operative pawns his furniture and clothes, and appeals to his class in other towns for support. The manufacturer laments his capital lying unemployed, and his confidence in the fearless investment of it shaken: he does not starve, but the spirit that winged his enterprise is broken, and that to him is one of the greatest of misfortunes. In the sufferings which either party has to endure individuals, of course, sympathize as their sense of right inclines them to the one side or the other, but the general public are not partisans. They see only the disproportion between the question in dispute and the evils which it entails. It is a matter of very little consequence with them whether the masters or the men are to blame in Preston, but what they do see is the mad folly of a quarrel which in one town closes the mills of 41 firms, suspends a nominal horse-power of 3,300, throws 21,000 hands (nearly one-half of them women and children) out of work, arrests weekly earnings amounting in the aggregate to £10,000 or £11,000 and stops 1,400,000 spindles and 40,000 looms.

The absent goalkeeper who actually makes a save

THE TIMES ITF INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL

IN ASSOCIATION WITH sky sports

THREE constituent parts of the United Kingdom can boast winners in *The Times* Interactive Team Football competition this week. From England, Mr John Hunt continues to lead the overall race for £50,000. From Scotland, Mr S. G. Pitt is the October manager of the month. And from Wales, Mr A. Green is the manager of the week.

Mr Pitt, from Arbroath, gained 84 points during October, with the England players David Seaman and Paul Gascoigne his principal points-scorers. Mr Green, from Carmarthen, gained 36 points last week, with consistent scoring throughout his team — rare during a week that saw low scoring all round in ITF.

Both have picked goalkeepers who are first-choice for their clubs — Southall (Everton) and Seaman (Arsenal) respectively — which is less common among the leading ITF selectors. Mr Hunt, for example, has Michael Oakes, the Aston Villa reserve goalkeeper, in his ITF team.

It would still appear that the leading selectors are picking inactive goalkeepers. It may be against the spirit of the game, but it is effective — just ask anyone who has had Peter Schmeichel in their team for the last couple of weeks.

If your team is underperforming, you can use the ITF transfer system which allows you to change up to two players each week and to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership or Bell's Scottish League premier division.

You can make transfers only by telephone. Using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone), call the **0891 866 968** line during the times given. *From outside the United Kingdom*, you must call **0044 990 200 668**.

When making a transfer, you must ensure that the team does not contain more than two individuals (two players *or one player and a manager*) from the same club.

If you are lagging behind the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the chase for the prizes — the overall £50,000, monthly £1,000 or weekly £250.

☐ ***All Interactive Team Football transfer queries should be directed to 0171-757 7016. All other inquiries can be made on 01582 488 122.***

Mark Wright, left, sees his ITF points rating plummet as Chris Sutton scores from the penalty spot on Sunday

THIS WEEK'S TRANSFERS

IN			
12903	Chris Woods	Southampton	£1.50m
22806	Steve Carr	Tottenham Hotspur	£1.00m
51105	Michael Branch	Everton	£1.50m
MOVED			
51901	Nick Barmby (from Middlesbrough)	Everton	£4.00m
OUT			
11102	Jason Kearton	Everton	£0.50m
42106	Chris Holland	Newcastle United	£0.50m
40305	Franz Carr	Aston Villa	£0.50m
50302	Savo Milosevic	Aston Villa	£5.00m

LOANED PLAYERS

D Wassall (Derby to Manchester City, one week), B Angell (Sunderland to Stockport, two weeks), T Wright (Nottingham Forest to Reading, three weeks); R van der Laan (Derby to Wolverhampton, one week), S Fitzgerald (Wimbledon to Millwall, one week), M Williams (Sheffield Wednesday to Huddersfield, one week); F Bennett (Southampton to Shrewsbury, three weeks), C Blackmore (Middlesbrough to Bristol City, three weeks), S Davies (Manchester United to Huddersfield, three weeks), M Jackson (Everton to Birmingham, three weeks), J Kavanagh (Derby to Wycombe, three weeks)

Loan periods subject to fluctuation

HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS IN ITF

All 1996-7 matches in the FA Carling Premiership, FA Cup, Bell's Scottish League premier division and Tennents Scottish Cup from August 17 count for points. Penalty shootouts do not count but results decided in this way will count for managers.

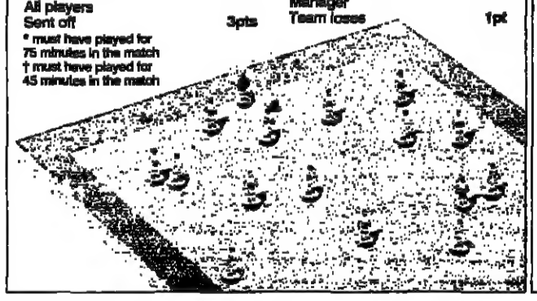
POINTS SCORED

Goalkeeper		**Striker**	
*Keeps clean sheet**	4pts	Scores goal	2pts
Scores goal	3pts	**All players**	
Saves penalty	1pt	Appearance†	1pt
Full back/Central defender		Scores hat-trick	6pts
Keeps clean sheet*	3pts	**Manager**	
Scores goal	3pts	Team wins	3pts
Midfield player		Team draws	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	1pt		
Scores goal	2pts		

POINTS DEDUCTED

Goalkeeper		Booked	1pt
Concedes goal	2pts	Concedes penalty	1pt
Full back/Central defender		Misses penalty	1pt
Concedes goal	1pt	Scores own goal	1pt
All players		**Manager**	
Sent off	3pts	Team loses	1pt

* must have played for 75 minutes in the match
† must have played for 45 minutes in the match



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Enter today by following the instructions below.

Enter ITF by phone on 0891 405 011

If telephoning from outside the United Kingdom, call 44 990 100 320

1. You must use a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone).
2. Choose 1 goalkeeper, 2 full backs, 2 central defenders, 4 midfielders, 2 strikers and a manager.
3. Do not spend more than £35-million.
4. Do not choose more than two individuals (2 players or 1 player and 1 manager) from any one football club.
5. Once you have chosen your team, call the entry line, above, and follow these step-by-step instructions.

a) You must tap in (not speak) the full set of selections (using the five-digit player codes) for each of your 11 chosen players and your manager.

b) You must speak the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) your name, address, with postcode, and daytime telephone number.

c) Finally, you will be given a ten-digit personal identification number (PIN) at the end of the call. You must keep a note of this number and your chosen team as no postal notification will be sent.

THE TIMES ITF INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL — IN ASSOCIATION WITH sky sports

See Sky Text, page 118

NB. Any new team will only score points on future games.

0891 calls cost 45p per minute cheap rate and 50p per minute at all other times. Your call will cost approximately double if made from a pay phone. In the event of there being more than one Manager of the Week or Month, the winner will be chosen at random. All ITF rules apply, a copy of which will be made available on request.

HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER IN ITF

Call 0891 866 968

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You may only make transfers in one team per telephone call. If you have entered two teams and want to make transfers in both, you must make two separate calls.

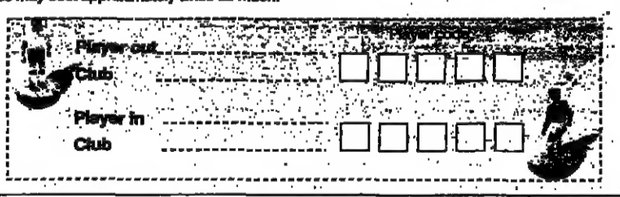
You may transfer two (but no more than two) individuals (two players or one player and a manager) during a transfer week. A player being transferred out must be replaced by one from the same category and you must keep to the team format of a goalkeeper, two full backs, two central defenders, four midfield players, two strikers and a manager. You must not exceed the £35 million budget and have no more than two individuals from the same club. Incorrect transfers will be rejected and your team will remain in its previous form.

The transfer week runs from 00.01 on Tuesday to midnight the following Monday. Transfers made before noon each day will become effective immediately. Transfers made after noon will become effective for matches played after noon on the following day.

Your new player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The current score of the player transferred out remains part of your team score but he then ceases to score for you.

If a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may affect the composition of your team. You must adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on points.

Calls will be charged at 45p per minute cheap rate, 50p per minute at other times. Calls made from public telephones may cost approximately twice as much.



THE LEADING 250 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL GAME

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1	John Hunt Taunton H	(J Hunt)	246
2=	John Hunt Taunton D	(J Hunt)	237
2=	Gangsters	(A Lone)	237
4=	Sophie And Sam	(G Foster)	236
4=	Skyforest	(A Burton)	236
6	John Hunt Taunton F	(J Hunt)	232
7	Scholes For Goals	(K Booth)	230
8=	John Hunt Taunton E	(J Hunt)	227
8=	Orvieto Classico	(J Bradshaw)	227
10	NST Monkstone	(J Staszkiewicz)	226
11	Purple Rain	(B Gohil)	225
12	Riggy's Roarers	(A Rigg)	221
13=	Dour Rangers 3	(I Clayton)	218
13=	Mean Machine	(P Ford)	218
15	Noah's Ark	(G P Dolan)	217
16=	1	(M Corless)	216
16=	Jones Boys Three	(M Jones)	216
18=	Daggers	(V Cox)	213
18=	Nobby 33	(J Brown)	213
18=	Jones Boys 8	(M Jones)	213
21=	PJ Thistle	(R Newbould)	212
21=	Lesley's Legmen	(L Michaelis)	212
21=	Hull Red Devils	(G Foster)	212
21=	Brain's Team	(B Howes)	212
25	Beyond Fault	(P Foster)	211
26=	A2	(K Farhall)	210
26=	Tulip's Tops	(D Tulip)	210
26=	Bubwith Utd 3	(M Larcombe)	210
26=	Raj Is Back To Kill	(R Gohil)	210
26=	Flying Foreigners	(D Thomas)	210
31=	John Hunt Taunton G	(J Hunt)	209
31=	Clover Vale	(N Ensingh)	209
31=	Rod's Rovers	(B Roddam)	209
34=	Beeston Celtic	(B Mcgivern)	208
34=	AB 4	(A Boyland)	208
34=	Aldecurcic Villa	(M Jukes)	208
34=	Plastic Fitters 10	(T Feehily)	208
34=	Raj Is Back To Kill	(R Gohil)	208
34=	Sky Times III	(L McCullough)	208
40=	A	(M Corless)	207
40=	The Dansters	(C C Vevers)	207
40=	JS August Monthly 1	(J Swirles)	207
40=	The Red Devils	(K Booth)	207
44=	Nomads	(N Broom)	206
44=	Toto Calcio	(A Daye)	206
46=	Nobby 5	(J Brown)	205
46=	ST Utd	(M O'Brien)	205
46=	Layton's Lions 7	(R Layton)	205
46=	Redknapp's Rovers	(B Emson)	205
50=	Expensive Failures	(S Harper)	204
50=	Bob's Boys 2	(R Calder)	204
50=	Turner's Earners 3	(P Turner)	204
50=	Def Con 3	(M Peck)	204
50=	Nobby 4	(J Brown)	204
50=	Jan 2	(J Clayton)	204
50=	Pamela Anderson	(P Hands)	204
50=	Alice	(I Pigeon)	204
50=	Insomniacs	(L A Tomlinson)	204
50=	Mark's Magicians II	(M Kingston)	204
50=	Bubwith Utd 5	(M Larcombe)	204
61=	Hove Rovers 3	(N Goddard)	203
61=	Fortuna Sandwich	(A J Finkel)	203
61=	PT's Top Team	(T Tidmarsh)	203
61=	JS August Monthly 2	(J Swirles)	203
61=	Jane's Giants	(J Longton)	203
66=	Nobby 20	(J Brown)	202
66=	Inter The Stand	(M Ward)	202
66=	D & A Warriors	(A Summers)	202
66=	Raj Is Back To Kill	(R Gohil)	202
70=	1st Eleft	(K J Burns)	201
70=	Raj Is Back To Kill	(R Gohil)	201
70=	Le Boeufeaters	(J Roebuck)	201
73=	Ginger FC	(C Armstrong)	200
73=	Storm	(P Mills)	200
73=	*It's About Revenge C*	*(R Gohil)*	200
73=	Glen Duffers	(S Wilson)	200
73=	Team C	(A Lone)	200
73=	Rolsin's Raiders	(P M Handley)	200
73=	Zig Zag Zak 25	(J Zak)	200
73=	Bumbles XI	(S Jones)	200
73=	Abdul's Revenge	(D Ritchie)	200
82=	Hairy May	(N Pearson)	199
82=	Hari Kari XI	(H Kerr)	199
82=	Demix	(D Newton)	199
82=	Inter The Pub	(M Ward)	199
82=	Pin Ups Two	(P Tusler)	199
82=	Set Against Cys	(S Shipley)	199
82=	Former Champions	(Murhabin)	199
82=	West Brom The Best	(C Jones)	199
90=	*Where's Ray Gone?*	*(P Fromm)*	198
90=	Kinky Imports	(S Fraser)	198
90=	John Hunt Taunton C	(J Hunt)	198
90=	Bothered FC	(D Lee)	198
90=	Polly's Pride	(P Smiley)	198
90=	Athletico Storm	(P Mills)	198
90=	Nonchalant AFC 3	(R J Ward)	198
97=	United In Footy	(O Atton)	197
97=	Obby 22	(J Brown)	197
97=	Ravioli On Toast	(N Bowles)	197
97=	Bad Time Boys	(R Crook)	197
97=	Murray's Magicians	(M MacMillan)	197
97=	Jack's Nightmare	(N J Lane)	197
97=	Glens Win World Cup	(F Geary)	197
97=	Aldo Is Great	(J Holliday)	197
97=	Franck FC	(N Foord)	197
97=	Barry's Team	(B Matthews)	197
107=	Botak United 1	(J Pull)	196
107=	Gestalt	(R Rowe)	196
107=	Dynamo Hibs	(S Miller)	196
107=	Pants City	(no name)	196
107=	Pear-Shaped FC	(R M Sands)	196
107=	Satica Super Stars	(J Seaman)	196
107=	*The Luke Hansard XI*	*(M Kelley)*	196
107=	Tasha	(I Pigeon)	196
107=	Kanfer's Cronies	(E Kanfer)	196
107=	Fendon United	(E Cowen)	196
107=	—	(no name)	196
107=	Jason's Boys Four	(J Gerring)	196
107=	Brainbows United	(G Weiss)	196
107=	Thorn Footery FC	(M Horan)	196
121=	Animals	(L Clark)	195
121=	Nobby	(J Brown)	195
121=	Northwood XI	(S Mullaney)	195
121=	Zoo Power	(D Harrison)	195
121=	The Grey Wizzard	(M Andrew)	195
121=	Cholm Chix 69	(C Scarlet)	195
121=	FC Pants	(J Mullock)	195
121=	Ziggy's Boy's	(Z Ahmed)	195
129=	Lynne's Lions	(L Hiorns)	194
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183=	Trouble Shooters	(R Pritt)	191
183=	Das Boot	(D A Sutton)	191
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183=	Motley Town	(K McGuire)	191
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183=	Jamie's Giants	(J Allen)	191
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207=	SJ2	(J W Goody)	190
207=	Garforth Seahawks	(I Doughty)	190
207=	PJB Rovers	(P J Butler)	190
207=	Manic Attack	(G Blindell)	190
207=	Euro Paulo 1	(P O'Connell)	190
207=	Sheer Class	(D Green)	190
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207=	Foreign Legion	(K Rowling)	190
207=	Cool Side Burns	(M Roper)	190
207=	Ian's B Team	(I W Donaldson)	190
207=	Royal Revolution	(M R Tillcock)	190
207=	Den's Devils	(D Curtis)	190
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207=	Mum's 1st XI	(J O'Connell)	190
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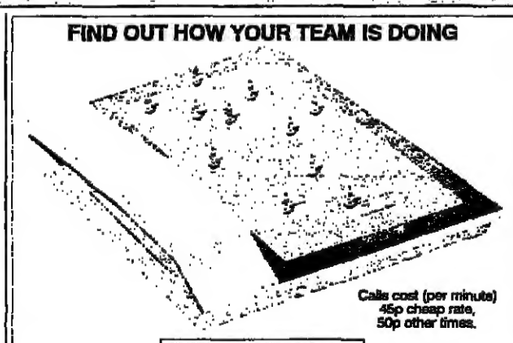

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Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
10101	M Watt	Aberdeen	1.50	0	-3
10102	N Walker	Aberdeen	1.00	-1	+6
10201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	-3	+28
10202	V Bartram	Arsenal	0.75	0	0
10203	J Lukic	Arsenal	0.75	0	-8
10301	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	3.50	0	+1
10302	M Oakes	Aston Villa	1.00	+5	+11
10401	T Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	+5	-13
10402	S Given	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0	0
10501	G Marshall	Celtic	3.50	0	-1
10601	D Kharine	Chelsea	2.50	0	+10
10602	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	2.00	-1	-20
10701	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	0	-6
10702	J Filan	Coventry City	0.50	0	0
10801	M Taylor	Derby County	1.00	0	0
10802	R Hoult	Derby County	1.00	+5	-4
10901	A Maxwell	Dundee United	0.50	0	+4
10902	L Key	Dundee United	0.50	-1	-1
11001	I Westwater	Dunfermline	0.50	0	-18
11101	N Southall	Everton	2.50	+5	+4
11102	J Kearton	Everton	0.50	0	0
11103	P Gerrard	Everton	2.50	0	0
11201	G Rousset	Hearts	2.00	+5	-16
11301	J Leighton	Hibernian	1.50	-7	-4
11401	D Lekovic	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	-25
11501	M Beeney	Leeds United	1.50	0	0
11502	P Evans	Leeds United	0.25	0	0
11503	N Martyn	Leeds United	2.50	+5	-8
11601	K Poole	Leicester City	1.00	-3	-3
11603	K Keller	Leicester City	1.00	0	-4
11701	D James	Liverpool	5.00	-5	+5
11702	A Warner	Liverpool	0.50	0	0
11801	P Schmeichel	Manchester United	5.00	-3	-13
11802	R van der Gouw	Manchester United	1.00	0	+5
11901	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	1.50	-5	0
11902	A Miller	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-23
12001	S Howie	Motherwell	1.50	-5	-11
12101	S Hislop	Newcastle United	4.00	0	-3
12102	P Srnicek	Newcastle United	3.00	-1	+5
12201	M Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50	-4	-21
12202	A Fettis	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	0
12203	T Wright	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	0
12301	S Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	-20
12401	A Goram	Rangers	5.00	0	+13
12501	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	-1	-9
12601	D Beasant	Southampton	1.00	0	-10
12602	N Moss	Southampton	0.25	0	+2
12702	L Perez	Sunderland	0.50	-5	-5
11803	A Coton	Sunderland	1.00	0	+9
12801	I Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	3.50	+5	+15
12901	L Miklosko	West Ham United	2.00	-1	-13
12902	S Mautone	West Ham United	0.50	0	+5
13001	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	1.00	-3	+7
13002	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.00	0	0

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20101	S McKimmie	Aberdeen	2.00	0	+9
20201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	-1	+21
20202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	-1	+19
20203	S Morrow	Arsenal	1.00	0	+4
20301	S Staunton	Aston Villa	3.00	0	+10
20302	A Wright	Aston Villa	3.00	+4	+19
20303	G Charles	Aston Villa	2.50	0	0
20304	P King	Aston Villa	0.25	0	0
20305	F Nelson	Aston Villa	3.00	+4	+13
20401	H Berg	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	+3	-2
20402	G Le Saux	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	+4	+3
20403	J Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	+4	-2
20404	G Croft	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	+2
20501	J McNamara	Celtic	3.00	+3	+9
20502	T McKinlay	Celtic	3.00	0	+1
20601	D Petrescu	Chelsea	3.00	-1	+5
20602	S Clarke	Chelsea	2.00	-1	+3
20603	T Phelan	Chelsea	2.00	0	0
20604	S Minto	Chelsea	1.00	0	+5
20701	D Burrows	Coventry City	1.50	0	-6
20703	B Borrows	Coventry City	1.00	0	-2
20704	M Hall	Coventry City	1.00	0	+4
20705	R Genaux	Coventry City	1.50	0	-2
20801	C Powell	Derby County	1.50	+3	+5
20802	D Yates	Derby County	1.00	+4	+2
20803	J Kavanagh	Derby County	0.25	0	0
20804	P Parker	Derby County	1.00	0	+4
20901	M Malpas	Dundee United	1.00	0	+12
20902	M Perry	Dundee United	0.50	0	+6
20903	N Duffy	Dundee United	0.50	0	0
21001	C Miller	Dunfermline	0.25	0	-6
21002	A Tod	Dunfermline	0.25	-1	-5
21101	M Hottiger	Everton	2.50	0	0
21102	A Hinchcliffe	Everton	2.00	+4	+8
21103	E Barrett	Everton	1.50	+4	+11
21104	M Jackson	Everton	1.00	0	0
21201	G Locke	Hearts	2.00	0	0
21202	N Pointon	Hearts	1.00	+3	-5
21301	W Miller	Hibernian	1.00	-3	+3
21302	A Dow	Hibernian	1.00	0	+8
21402	G MacPherson	Kilmarnock	0.50	-1	-10
21501	G Kelly	Leeds United	3.00	+4	+1
21502	A Dorigo	Leeds United	2.50	0	-1
21503	P Beesley	Leeds United	0.50	+4	+1
21601	M Whitlow	Leicester City	0.50	-2	+7
21602	S Grayson	Leicester City	0.50	-1	+7
21603	N Lewis	Leicester City	0.50	0	0
21604	F Rolling	Leicester City	0.25	0	0
21701	R Jones	Liverpool	3.00	0	0
21702	S Harkness	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
21703	S I Bjornebye	Liverpool	0.50	-2	+14
21704	P Charnock	Liverpool	0.25	0	0
21801	D Irwin	Manchester United	4.00	-1	+13
21802	G Neville	Manchester United	3.00	0	+5
21803	P Neville	Manchester United	3.00	-2	-4
21901	N Cox	Middlesbrough	2.50	-4	-5
21903	C Morris	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	0
21904	C Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.75	-2	-5
21905	C Blackmore	Middlesbrough	0.25	0	0
22002	S McMillan	Motherwell	0.50	0	+2
22101	W Barton	Newcastle United	3.00	-1	-1
22102	S Watson	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+10
22103	R Elliott	Newcastle United	2.50	-1	0
22104	J Beresford	Newcastle United	2.50	0	+7
22201	S Pearce	Nottingham Forest	4.00	-1	-1
22202	D Lyttle	Nottingham Forest	2.00	-1	-6
22203	A I Haaland	Nottingham Forest	1.00	-1	+2
22204	N Jerkan	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+1
22301	P Bonar	Raith Rovers	0.75	0	-7
22302	D Kirkwood	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	-5
22401	D Robertson	Rangers	2.50	-1	-1
22402	J Brown	Rangers	2.00	0	0
22501	I Nolan	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+4
22502	P Atherton	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+8
22503	S Nicol	Sheffield Wednesday	1.00	0	-5
22504	D Stefanovic	Sheffield Wednesday	1.00	0	+2
22505	L Briscoe	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0
22601	J Dodd	Southampton	1.50	0	+4
22602	F Benali	Southampton	0.75	0	-6
22603	S Charlton	Southampton	0.75	0	+4
22701	D Kubicki	Sunderland	0.50	0	+12
22702	M Scott	Sunderland	0.50	-2	+9
22703	G Hall	Sunderland	0.25	-2	0
22801	D Austin	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	0
22802	C Wilson	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	+4	+19
22803	J Edinburgh	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	+4	+13
22804	D Kerslake	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	0
22901	J Dicks	West Ham United	4.00	0	+8
22902	T Breacker	West Ham United	1.00	0	0
22903	K Rowland	West Ham United	1.00	0	-3
22904	M Bowen	West Ham United	1.00	0	+5
22905	K Brown	West Ham United	0.50	0	0
23001	B Thatcher	Wimbledon	1.50	-1	+9
23002	A Kimble	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+1
23003	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	0.75	-1	+10
23004	D Jupp	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
23006	C Perry	Wimbledon	0.25	-1	+14

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30101	B Irvine	Aberdeen	2.00	+1	+9
30102	C Woodthorpe	Aberdeen	1.50	0	-2
30201	A Adams	Arsenal	4.00	-1	+15
30202	S Bould	Arsenal	3.00	-2	+21
30203	M Keown	Arsenal	1.00	0	+9
30204	A Linighan	Arsenal	1.00	0	0
30205	S Marshall	Arsenal	3.50	+4	+18
30301	G Southgate	Aston Villa	3.00	+4	+20
30302	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	1.00	+7	+11
30304	C Tiler	Aston Villa	1.00	0	+1
30305	R Scimeca	Aston Villa			

Paolo Di Canio scores for Celtic against Aberdeen on Saturday, boosting his ITF tally to a useful 18 points

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
30401	C Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	+4	+3
30402	I Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	0
30403	C Coleman	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	-3
30404	N Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	0	+2
30501	T Boyd	Celtic	3.00	+4	+13
30502	M MacKay	Celtic	1.50	0	+3
30503	A Stubbs	Celtic	3.50	+4	+11
30601	M Duberry	Chelsea	2.50	+2	-3
30602	F Leboeuf	Chelsea	2.50	0	+16
30603	F Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00	0	0
30604	D Lee	Chelsea	2.00	0	+3
30605	A Myers	Chelsea	1.50	0	+6
30606	E Johnsen	Chelsea	1.50	0	+10
30607	J Kjeldbjerg	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
30701	L Dalsh	Coventry City	2.00	0	+5
30702	R Shaw	Coventry City	1.50	0	+3
30703	D Busst	Coventry City	1.00	0	0
30801	I Stimac	Derby County	2.50	0	-1
30802	D Wassall	Derby County	1.00	0	0
30803	P McGrath	Derby County	2.50	+4	+2
30803	J Laursen	Derby County	1.00	+4	+7
30804	M Carbon	Derby County	0.50	0	0
30901	S Pressley	Dundee United	1.00	0	+9
31001	M Millar	Dunfermline	0.75	-1	-3
31002	I Den Bieman	Dunfermline	0.75	-2	-7
31101	D Unsworth	Everton	2.50	+4	+11
31102	D Watson	Everton	2.50	+4	+5
31103	C Short	Everton	2.00	+6	+12
31201	D McPherson	Hearts	1.00	+4	+4
31202	P Ritchie	Hearts	1.00	+4	+5
31301	J McLaughlin	Hibernian	0.50	0	-4
30902	B Welsh	Hibernian	0.75	0	+9
31302	G Hunter	Hibernian	0.50	0	+3
31401	M Reilly	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	-3
31402	R Montgomerie	Kilmarnock	0.75	-1	-1
31501	D Wetherall	Leeds United	2.50	+4	+7
31502	R Jobson	Leeds United	1.00	0	+2
31503	L Radebe	Leeds United	1.00	+4	-2
31504	J Pemberton	Leeds United	0.50	0	0
31601	S Walsh	Leicester City	1.00	0	+4
31602	J Watts	Leicester City	1.00	-1	+12
31603	P Kaamark	Leicester City	0.50	0	0
31604	S Prior	Leicester City	1.00	0	+6
31701	P Babb	Liverpool	3.50	-4	+10
31702	J Scales	Liverpool	3.50	0	0
31703	M Wright	Liverpool	3.50	-2	+9
31704	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.00	0	0
31705	D Matteo	Liverpool	1.00	-2	+10
31801	G Pallister	Manchester United	3.50	0	+3
31802	D May	Manchester United	3.00	-1	+5
31803	R Johnsen	Manchester United	2.50	-1	+9
31901	N Pearson	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-9
31902	S Vickers	Middlesbrough	1.50	-3	-4
31903	D Whyte	Middlesbrough	1.50	-2	-9
31904	P Whelan	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	-4
32001	B Martin	Motherwell	1.50	-2	+1
32002	M van der Gaag	Motherwell	0.75	0	+11
32101	P Albert	Newcastle United	4.50	0	+9
32102	S Howey	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+7
32103	D Peacock	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+12
32201	C Cooper	Nottingham Forest	3.00	-2	-5
32202	S Chettle	Nottingham Forest	2.50	-1	-1
32203	S Blatherwick	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	0
32302	S Dennis	Raith Rovers	1.00	-1	-15
32401	R Gough	Rangers	3.50	-1	+21
32402	A McLaren	Rangers	3.00	0	0
32403	J Bjorklund	Rangers	3.50	-1	+12
32404	G Petric	Rangers	2.50	-2	+6
32501	J Newsome	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	+1	+2
32502	D Walker	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+5
32503	B Linighan	Sheffield Wednesday	0.25	0	0
32601	K Monkou	Southampton	1.50	0	-4
32602	A Neilson	Southampton	1.00	0	-1
32603	R Dryden	Southampton	0.50	0	+1
32604	C Lundekvam	Southampton	0.50	0	+1
32605	U van Gobbel	Southampton	1.50	-1	-3
32701	A Melville	Sunderland	1.00	-2	+12
32702	K Ball	Sunderland	1.00	-2	+11
32703	R Ord	Sunderland	0.50	0	+12
32801	S Campbell	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	+4	+18
32802	C Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	+4	+16
32803	G Mabbutt	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	0
32804	J Cundy	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	0
32805	K Scott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	0
32806	S Nethercott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	-3
32901	S Bilic	West Ham United	2.50	0	+4
32902	M Rieper	West Ham United	2.50	0	+3
32903	S Potts	West Ham United	2.00	0	-2
32904	R Hall	West Ham United	1.50	0	0
32905	R Ferdinand	West Ham United	0.50	0	0
33001	A Reeves	Wimbledon	1.00	0	0
33008	A Pearce	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
33004	D Blackwell	Wimbledon	0.50	-1	+2
33005	B McAllister	Wimbledon	0.50	0	+12
33006	S Fitzgerald	Wimbledon	0.25	0	0

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40101	D Windass	Aberdeen	3.00	+1	+11
40102	S Glass	Aberdeen	3.00	0	+7
40103	P Bernard	Aberdeen	2.50	0	+1
40104	I Kiriakov	Aberdeen	2.50	+1	+10
40105	T Tzvetanov	Aberdeen	0.50	+1	+12
40201	D Platt	Arsenal	4.50	+1	+15
40202	P Merson	Arsenal	4.00	+3	+25
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40404	W McKinlay	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+1	+1
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40407	G Donis	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	+14
40408	S Ripley	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	+5
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40501	P McStay	Celtic	3.00	0	0
40502	A Thom	Celtic	2.50	0	+16
40503	S Donnelly	Celtic	2.50	+1	+12
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40702	E Jess	Coventry City	2.00	0	+7
40703	K Richardson	Coventry City	1.50	0	+10
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41301	K McAllister	Hibernian	1.50	0	+9
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41806	B McClair	Manchester United	1.50	0	+3
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42301	T Rougier	Raith Rovers	2.00	+1	+12
42302	D Lennon	Raith Rovers	1.00	+1	+8
42304	S Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50	+3	+10
42401	P Gascoigne	Rangers	7.00	+1	+35
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42403	S McCall	Rangers	2.00	0	+9
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42607	M Oakley	Southampton	0.50	+1	+12
42608	P Tisdale	Southampton	0.50	0	0
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42610	G Potter	Southampton	0.50	0	0

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42611	E Berkovic	Southampton	1.00	+1	+7
42701	M Gray	Sunderland	2.50	+1	+17
42702	S Agnew	Sunderland	1.50	0	+10
42703	A Rae	Sunderland	1.50	-1	+2
42704	P Bracewell	Sunderland	0.75	+1	+15
42705	M Smith	Sunderland	1.00	0	0
42801	D Anderton	Tottenham Hotspur	5.50	0	+6
42802	R Fox	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00	0	+15
42803	D Howells	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	+2	+15
42804	J Dozzell	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	+2
42805	A Sinton	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	+8
42806	R Rosenthal	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	+1
42809	A Nielsen	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	+2	+14
42901	P Futre	West Ham United	3.50	0	+4
42902	I Bishop	West Ham United	2.00	+1	+7
42903	M Hughes	West Ham United	2.00	+1	+20
42904	D Williamson	West Ham United	1.50	0	+7
42905	J Moncur	West Ham United	1.50	+1	+9
42907	S Lazarides	West Ham United	0.25	+1	+7
43001	R Earle	Wimbledon	4.00	+1	+24
43002	O Leonhardsen	Wimbledon	2.50	+1	+12
43003	M Gayle	Wimbledon	2.00	+3	+25
43004	V Jones	Wimbledon	1.50	+3	+15
43005	N Ardley	Wimbledon	0.50	+1	+20
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50103	W Dodds	Aberdeen	5.00	0	+8
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50203	J Hartson	Arsenal	3.50	0	+8
50205	C Kiwomya	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
50301	D Yorke	Aston Villa	7.50	+3	+27
50302	S Milosevic	Aston Villa	5.00	0	+9
50303	T Johnson	Aston Villa	4.00	+1

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NEWS

Dorrell seeks £1bn to rescue NHS

■ Stephen Dorrell will appeal to the Cabinet over the heads of the Treasury today for the extra £1 billion that he insists is needed to prevent a crisis in the hospital service.

The Health Secretary was reported to be ready to "go to the wire" to bridge the gap between his target of £1 billion and the £700 million he has won in protracted negotiations ..... **Page 1**

Plot to steal millions from cashpoints

■ Kenneth Noye, one of Britain's most wanted men, conspired to steal hundreds of millions of pounds from cashpoint machines in a plot that could have brought the banking system to its knees, a court was told. Noye, 49, a suspect in the M25 "road rage" murder, is thought to be in hiding in Spain. The seven defendants in the trial, who have admitted conspiracy to steal, will be sentenced next month ..... **Pages 1, 6**

Bomb case collapses

The case against a woman accused of planting a car bomb outside the Israeli Embassy in London collapsed when a judge described the evidence against her as suspect..... **Page 1**

Howard under fire

The former Home Secretaries Douglas Hurd and Kenneth Baker combined with some senior judges in a strong attack on Michael Howard's plans for tough mandatory sentences for repeat offenders ..... **Page 2**

Taxing task

A prostitute told a court that she was paid hundreds of pounds to have regular sex with a senior Inland Revenue tax inspector in a West End hotel..... **Page 3**

Exam appeals rise

A big rise in appeals against GCSE and A-level grades is forcing a rethink in the procedures used by examining boards and universities ..... **Page 4**

Restaurant fall

Sir John Harvey-Jones attacked the restaurant owned by Lord Linley as "monstrous" after his disabled daughter won a six-year fight for damages from a fall that broke her leg ..... **Page 5**

Rural fightback

The village shop is at last winning the battle against cut-price competition from superstores, research shows ..... **Page 9**

Pasternak's muse

Letters from Boris Pasternak to the woman on whom he modelled Lara in *Dr Zhivago* reveal the depth of their love..... **Page 11**

Manifesto vote

Tony Blair won a convincing mandate for Labour's draft manifesto when party members endorsed it by a majority of 19 to one..... **Page 12**

Terror warning

Israel has been placed on security alert after intelligence warnings from the United States and Germany of a terrorist attack by Islamic Jihad..... **Page 13**

Clinton on course

Bill Clinton is set to become the first Democrat in 60 years to win re-election, but only because the economy is strong and his opponent weak ..... **Pages 14, 15**

Ceasefire in Zaire

Eastern Zaire's rebels called a unilateral three-week ceasefire to allow emergency relief to be delivered to more than a million refugees from the fighting .... **Page 16**

Bokassa dies

Jean Bédel Bokassa, former dictator of the Central African Republic, has died ..... **Page 16**

Bulgarian poll

Bulgaria's top divorce lawyer, Petar Stoyanov, has beaten his Socialist rival to become the new head of state ..... **Page 17**

Gascoigne tells of 'rage inside me'

■ Paul Gascoigne talked of the "rage inside me" and confessed to feeling remorse after beating his wife two weeks ago. "I can't go into great detail about the incident," he said, "but I deeply regret what happened with Sheryl. It will live with me for the rest of my life." He added: "I don't blame the women's rights groups for wanting me kicked out" ..... **Page 1**

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Still hoping: Bob Dole waves a copy of the infamously inaccurate *Chicago Daily Tribune* front page from 1948. **Pages 1, 14, 15**

BUSINESS

House price boom: House prices are rising by more than 7 per cent a year, according to the latest figures, the fastest for more than two and a half years..... **Page 27**

BT link-up: Shares in BT soared after the company announced that it would pay a 35p special dividend in March as part of its effort to take full control of MCI ..... **Page 27**

Funds merge: The fund management group Invesco is to merge with AIM Management Group in a $1.6 billion deal..... **Page 27**

Markets: The FTSE 100 share index fell 20.4 points to 3928.1. On the foreign exchange markets, the pound rose from $1.6375 to $1.6467 and from DM2.4836 to DM2.4915. The sterling index closed up 0.3 at 91.2 ..... **Page 30**

SPORT

Football: Rob Hughes wonders whether the errant Paul Gascoigne might become a better player for having confronted his personal problems ..... **Page 52**

Rugby union: The league fixture between Newcastle and Rotherham has been postponed, freeing three Scots and two Irishmen for international duty ..... **Page 48**

Sports academy: The bid to create the British Academy of Sport at Heyford, Oxfordshire, may persuade Steve Redgrave, the Olympic rowing champion, to remain in Britain ..... **Page 49**

Racing: Chris Wall, the Newmarket trainer, saddled Donna Viola to win the Yellow Ribbon Stakes, one of the biggest events for fillies in the United States ..... **Page 45**

ARTS

Women on tour: Work by 37 women artists, living and dead, has gone on show in London after an international tour ..... **Page 37**

Seaside humour: Any play which stars two large green lizards alongside a couple on a beach, as Edward Albee's *Seascape* does, deserves points for imagination, if not for depth ..... **Page 38**

Silent star: Italy's annual Pordenone festival of silent film has this year revived the career of the director Herbert Brenon, as well as shedding new light on years of Soviet gloom..... **Page 39**

Jukebox jury: Jonathan Miller's irrepressible Mafioso production of *Rigoletto*, set in a bar in Sicily, is back at the Coliseum..... **Page 39**

FEATURES

Mary Quant: "Fashion may be for everybody, but modelling fashion is not. Fashion begins as a fantasy and dream, which only becomes real by everyday use"..... **Page 19**

BODY AND MIND

Defiant love: While Harold Brodkey was dying from Aids, he kept a journal that became a lyrical and moving testament of love to his wife, Ellen ..... **Page 18**

LAW

Better access: Frances Gibb on the first "no win, no fee" group action, by lung cancer victims against tobacco companies ..... **Page 44**

CHELSEA MONTHLY

Great reads: Jim McCue on antique books from Baskerville to Izaak Walton ..... **Page 36**

THE WEEK'S SAVING

Zaire is dying, and Central Africa is heading again for a bloodbath. But the myth of Tutsi racial superiority over the Hutus was disseminated by the colonialist powers, and Western appeals for the intervention of UN troops are hypocritical. The post-colonialist West is guilty of a moral and political absence of will. The Western powers are looking not so much for humanitarian solutions as for alibis. No doubt they will find them, as they always have in the past — *La Stampa*

TV & RADIO

Preview: The Germans are coming to Longbridge; don't mention the war — *When Rover Met BMW* (BBC2, 9.30pm). **Review:** Lynne Truss on *Sharman*, taking glibness too far ..... **Page 51**

Leading Articles

Oxford's business

Wafic Said's gift is a chance for Oxford to recover its mistake in refusing to house one of Britain's first business schools in the 1960s. Oxford's purpose is to teach, not to preserve grass ..... **Page 21**

The order of the boot

Bulgaria and Romania have been stranded in history's chilliest anteroom, for ex-Soviet satellites whose rulers refuse to learn from the West. Their people have not escaped it yet; but they have kicked open the emergency exit..... **Page 21**

Vile badinage

To compare Mr Blair to Elmer Gantry, one of literature's best-known religious conmen, is surely a gibe too far ..... **Page 21**

Letters

MALCOLM RIFKIND

There would be clear benefits in establishing what might be called an Organisation for Co-operation in the Middle East. It could play a role in resolving conflicts and building the sort of economic and political networks that prevent conflict ..... **Page 20**

LIBBY PURVES

As families and friends join forces, the leading father, torch between his teeth, will painstakingly read the hallowed words "Light blue touchpaper and retire". Whereon someone from his office will shout "About time too," as befits the oldest joke of autumn..... **Page 20**

PETER RIDDELL

Tony Blair has his mandate, but it may not be worth as much in the long-term as he claimed yesterday. Given his commanding position in the party, he could have been bolder..... **Page 12**

Obituaries

Jean Bédel Bokassa, former ruler of the Central African Republic; Lord Hankey, diplomat; Eleanor Dulles, Eisenhower's State Department expert on Germany..**Page 23**

Diary

Zaire; weather forecasts; corporal punishment ..... **Page 21**

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ **FASHION**
Iain R. Webb, fashion journalist of the year, reports from New York Fashion Week

■ **PROPERTY**
Less than des res: the couple who say their new house had 112 faults

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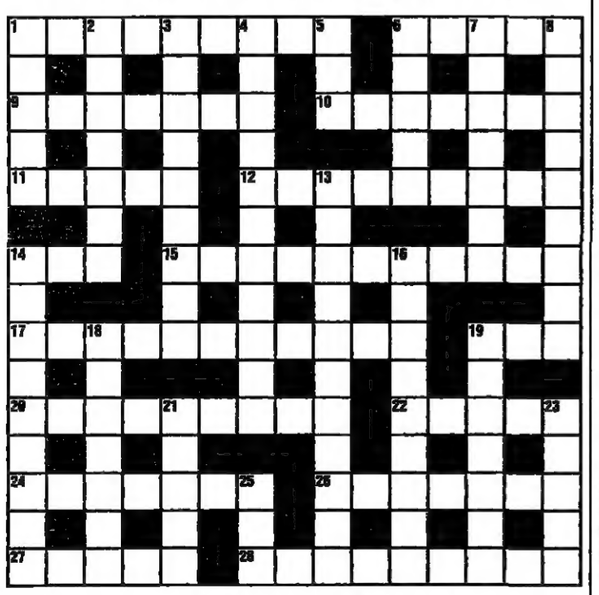

ACROSS

1 Expert predicts a storm (9).
6 Brawl disrupts record gate (5).
9 Dangerous creature shown briefly in sign (7).
10 Fencing equipment left one covered with stabs (7).
11 Moorish cover girl? (5).
12 Switch in order to exploit movement in pitch (9).
14 Deplore loss of devoted head? (3).
15 Down from summit, having dropped precipitately (11).
17 An extra added to the score (5,6).
19 Exceptional as today's crossword (but not yesterday's) (3).
20 Common sense in courtroom other witnesses displayed (6,3).
22 Prohibit return of monarch in retirement (5).
24 Drop article, outwardly being at fault (7).
26 Deliveries by spinner excel (7).
27 Principle of architecture ultimately used in construction of St. Paul's (5).
28 Special letters to editor put in new place (9).

DOWN

1 Bird crossing street, making track in snow (5).
2 Dangerous plant? Put a road marker outside it (7).
3 One prepared to leg it can depart in disarray (3-6).
4 To stun the audience, who's the tops in variety? (4,3,4).
5 Decline a swim (3).
6 Mounts for guns (5).
7 Blunder, the net effect of which is negative (3,4).
8 Record bird with red tail that's spotted (9).
13 Train late, so change to other arrangements (11).
14 Humble beginnings in modern flat (9).
16 Modification and repair crew in army set-up (9).
18 Old soldier has to check time with new (7).
19 Like some space travel, said to involve computer information (7).
21 Uplifting work providing support for English novelist (5).
23 Fleet attack to secure port's entrance (5).
25 Turn stone over to find fish (3).

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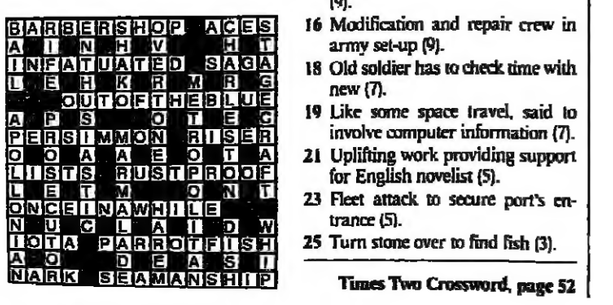

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales showery at first, but the showers will become restricted to eastern England, before eventually dying out there as well. Rain will reach the west during the evening. Windy at first, and becoming windy again later in the west. Cooler.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have showers at first, but it will become brighter and mainly dry from the west with some sunny intervals. Rain should reach Northern Ireland by dusk. Windy at first, and later in the west. Rather cool.

☐ **London, E Anglia, E Midlands, SE, E England, Central N, NE England:** Showers for a time, mostly dying out from the west to leave sunny spells. Wind northwesterly, strong to gale, moderating and turning southwesterly. Max 11C to 13C (52F to 55F).

☐ **Central S, SW, NW England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Wales, Lakes, IoM:** Isolated showers at first, but most places dry with sunny spells. Rain during the evening. Wind northwesterly, strong to gale, moderating for a time and turning southwesterly. Max 10C to 11C (50F to 52F).

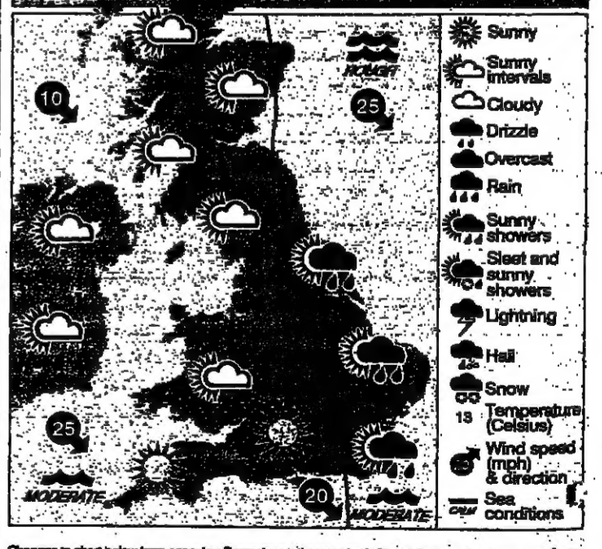
☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow:** Rather cloudy at first with showers. Becoming brighter and mainly dry, but cloud increasing later. Wind northwesterly, strong, moderating and turning southerly. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Outbreaks of rain at first, perhaps sleet on hills. Sunny intervals and scattered showers developing for a time. Wind strong northerly, moderating and turning southerly later. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Argyll, NW Scotland:** Bright or sunny intervals and showers, these mostly dying out. Cloud and rain during the evening. Wind strong northerly, moderating for a time and turning southerly. Rather cold. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **N Ireland:** Showers soon dying out, then bright spells. Rain spreading from the west during the afternoon. Wind strong northwesterly, moderating and turning southerly, perhaps gale later. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Outlook:** Rain extending east, then sunny spells and showers. Windy. Becoming cooler.



Changes to chart below from noon: low F remains stationary, slowly fills, while a new low forms and moves quickly eastwards across N Scotland. Low D drifts slowly northwards, fills. High G over Greenland declines

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.0	0.38	12	54	r	Lerwick	-	0.28	6	43	r
Anglesey	3.5	0.23	13	55	h	Leuchars	4.9	0.25	12	54	s
Aspatria	3.8	0.13	12	54	sh	Littlehmptn	2.8	1.32	15	59	sh
Aviemore	3.4	0.04	10	50	r	London	2.6	0.64	15	59	b
Belfast	1.3	0.24	11	52	sh	Lowestoft	1.4	0.35	15	59	d
Birmingham	X	-	-	-	-	Manchester	5.6	0.15	13	55	s
Bognor R	3.2	0.97	15	59	b	Margate	1.4	0.72	15	59	r
Bournem'th	2.5	1.57	15	59	sh	Minehead	4.9	0.96	14	57	sh
Bristol	5.5	0.87	15	59	sh	Morecambe	4.0	0.35	13	55	r
Buxton	5.2	0.34	11	52	s	Newcastle	6.5	0.02	13	55	r
Cardiff	5.4	0.83	14	57	sh	Newquay	2.2	1.33	14	57	r
Clacton	3.2	0.42	14	57	r	Norwich	3.9	0.57	15	59	s
Cleethorpes	X	-	-	-	-	Oxford	6.2	0.46	15	59	r
Colwyn Bay	5.1	0.17	14	57	b	Penzance	X	X	15	59	sh
Cromer	4.2	0.26	15	59	s	Poole	2.1	0.15	15	59	r
Dunbar	X	-	-	-	-	Prestatyn	X	0.11	13	55	sh
Eastbourne	1.2	0.81	15	59	sh	Ross-o-wye	5.0	0.34	14	57	s
Edinburgh	X	-	-	-	-	Sandown	2.2	0.74	14	57	sh
Eskdalemuir	2.3	0.61	9	48	sh	Saunton Sod	4.8	0.48	14	57	s
Exmouth	3.7	0.80	15	59	b	Scarboro'	6.2	-	13	55	s
Falmouth	6.0	0.77	15	59	s	Shanklin	1.1	0.69	14	57	sh
Fishguard	4.8	0.30	12	54	sh	Shrewsbury	4.8	0.38	13	55	sh
Folkestone	0.7	0.53	15	59	r	Skegness	6.3	0.30	15	59	s
Glasgow	3.0	0.47	12	54	r	Southend	3.3	0.53	16	61	sh
Guernsey	0.4	X	14	57	sh	Southsea	1.8	0.78	15	59	sh
Hastings	1.1	0.70	15	59	r	Stornoway	2.5	0.76	12	54	r
Hayling I.	3.5	0.67	15	59	sh	Swanage	3.1	0.82	14	57	sh
Herne Bay	1.2	0.66	15	59	r	Teignmouth	6.1	0.98	15	59	sh
Hove	1.0	0.43	15	59	sh	Tenby	3.6	0.60	14	57	sh
Hunstanton	5.8	0.25	14	57	s	Tiree	0.1	0.90	11	52	sh
Isle of Man	5.5	0.19	13	55	s	Torquay	5.7	1.08	15	59	s
Jersey	2.5	0.60	15	59	sh	Ventnor	2.4	0.54	14	57	sh
Kinloss	3.2	0.15	12	54	r	West-s-mare	3.0	0.73	15	59	c
Leeds	5.2	0.13	14	57	s	Weymouth	3.4	0.73	14	57	sh

ABROAD

Ajaccio	19	66	s	Corfu	20	68	s	Majorca	20	68	s
Akrotiri	24	75	s	C'phagn	13	55	c	Malaga	19	66	s
Alex'dria	24	75	f	Dublin	14	57	r	Malta	20	68	s
Algiers	21	70	s	Dubrovnik	19	66	s	Melb'rne	18	64	r
Amst'dm	15	59	c	Faro	21	70	s	Mexico C	16	61	f
Athens	20	68	s	Florence	11	52	c	Miami	27	81	s
B Aires	25	77	f	Frankfurt	13	55	c	Milan	11	52	f
Bahrain	27	81	s	Funchal	24	75	s	Montreal	1	34	fg
Bangkok	31	88	f	Geneva	14	57	s	Moscow	5	41	c
Barbados	29	84	f	Gibraltar	18	64	c	Munich	18	64	s
Barcelona	20	68	s	Helsinki	9	48	c	N Delhi	27	81	s
Beirut	24	75	s	Hong K	26	79	f	N York	9	48	s
Belgrade	18	64	s	Innsbruck	14	57	s	Nairobi	28	82	f
Berlin	15	59	c	Istanbul	16	61	s	Naples	21	70	s
Bermuda	25	77	f	Jeddah	33	91	s	Nice	18	64	s
Biarritz	16	61	c	Jo'burg	30	86	s	Oslo	12	54	f
Borde'x	15	59	c	L Angeles	17	63	f	Paris	13	55	c
Brussels	13	55	c	L Palmas	25	77	s	Peking	9	48	c
Budapest	16	61	s	Le Touqt	15	59	f	Perth	24	75	s
Cairo	25	77	f	Lisbon	19	66	s	Prague	13	55	f
Cape Tn	21	70	s	Locarno	14	57	s	Reykjavik	-5	23	s
Ch'church	12	54	X	Luxembg	9	48	c	Rhodes	20	68	s
Chicago	6	43	s	Lyon	27	81	s	Rio de J	25	77	f
Cologne	15	59	c	Madrid	19	66	s	Riyadh	31	88	s

Rome	21	70	s								
S Frisco	13	55	f								
S Paulo	23	73	d								
Salzburg	15	59	s								
Santiago	26	79	s								
Seoul	16	61	s								
Sing'por	32	90	f								
Sto'holm	11	52	f								
Strasb'rg	14	57	s								
Sydney	23	73	s								
Tangier	25	77	s								
Tel Aviv	27	81	s								
Tenerife	27	81	s								
Tokyo	17	63	c								
Toronto	5	41	s								
Tunis	22	72	f								
Valencia	21	70	s								
Vanc'ver	10	50	s								
Venice	13	55	s								
Vienna	16	61	s								
Warsaw	13	55	c								
Wash'ton	10	50	s								
Wel'ngton	14	57	X								
Zurich	13	55	s								

Temperatures at midday local time on Sunday. X = not available

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7:54	5.5	8:01	5.6	Leith	10.05	4.4	10:30	4.5
Aberdeen	9:08	3.4	9:20	3.6	Liverpool	8:22	7.0	8:48	7.3
Avonmouth	1:45	9.2	2:29	9.6	Lowestoft	4:29	2.3	5:35	2.2
Belfast	6:10	2.8	6:26	3.1	Margate	6:45	3.9	7:32	3.8
Cardiff	0:54	8.8	1:41	9.0	Milford Haven	1:11	5.0	1:41	5.3
Devonport	0:03	4.2	12:37	4.4	Newquay	0:11	4.8	12:45	5.0
Dover	8:10	5.3	8:46	5.3	Oban	1:46	2.9	1:58	3.1
Dublin (N Wall)	7:14	3.2	7:31	3.5	Penzance	12:01	4.5	-	-
Falmouth	0:06	3.7	12:33	4.1	Portland	0:42	1.3	12:47	1.4
Greenock	7:30	2.8	7:26	3.1	Portsmouth	6:20	3.9	6:35	3.7
Harwich	6:14	3.3	6:58	3.2	Shoreham	6:15	4.8	6:40	4.7
Holyhead	5:51	4.4	6:13	4.6	Southampton	5:56	3.8	6:19	3.7
Hull (Albert D)	0:38	6.6	1:48	5.6	Swansea	1:07	7.0	1:43	7.3
Ilfracombe	0:46	8.8	1:20	7.0	Tees	11:14	4.1	11:30	4.3
King's Lynn	1:34	4.6	2:20	4.7	Walton-on-Naze	6:06	3.3	7:10	3.3

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Sun rises: 7.02 am — Sun sets: 4.28 pm
Moon sets: 2.06 pm — Moon rises: 12.31 am
New moon November 11

London 4.28 pm to 7.03 am
Bristol 4.38 pm to 7.13 am
Edinburgh 4.24 pm to 7.31 am
Manchester 4.28 pm to 7.18 am
Penzance 4.52 pm to 7.21 am

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